

CONSULTATIONS WITH CANADIANS

Q. When will the government consult with Canadians on this issue?

Suggested Reply

- The consultations with US officials on May 15, is the beginning of what we hope will be a meaningful and measured dialogue to explore the issues raised by the US on the strategic framework and missile defence.
- Many issues and details need to be considered. US thinking and plans are evolving.
- The government remains open to hearing the views of concerned Canadians.
- Indeed, on May 10-11, officials met with representatives of Canadian non-governmental organizations and academics to discuss the full range of non-proliferation, arms control and disarmament issues. They also met with representatives of the Middle Powers Initiative, led by Senator Roche on May 8.
- I assure you that, as the US plans take shape, we will engage in further consultations with concerned Canadians on this important issue