

c) Weapons to Human Rights Violators:

In the absence of full public disclosure of Canadian military exports, and in the absence of a public review process, Canadian military commodities regularly find their way to states that are gross and systematic violators of human rights. In order to eliminate such occurrences, Canada should require a regular Parliamentary review, perhaps the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, of Canadian military exports; and Canada should prohibit the sale of military equipment, or other forms of "security" assistance, to regimes with a pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

Controlling Nuclear Weapons:

1. Deterrence and the Stewardship of the earth:

In the development of policies to enhance the security of this planet, it is the perspective of the steward, rather than of the ruler, that will be most helpful. And if we have regard for the security of the earth for not only this, but also succeeding generations, we will not accept as "defence" any measures which threaten the planet itself.

This has particular implications for our attitude towards nuclear weapons. This means that nuclear weapons are ultimately unacceptable as agents of national security. There are no circumstances under which the use of nuclear weapons could be justified and consistent with the responsibilities of stewards of the earth, and it must therefore be concluded that nuclear weapons must also be rejected as means of threat or deterrence.