

Through the Disarmament Fund, EAITC provided \$238,400 in grants and contributions to various groups and individuals involved in promoting a balanced discussion of arms control

and disarmament issues. The Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament also received a grant of \$100,000 to further its research in the arms control and disarmament field.

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Canada continued to play an active role in the important follow-up of the CSCE process, furthering key policy objectives and demonstrating our continuing commitment to security and cooperation in Europe.

The London Information Forum (April-May 1989) discussed freedom of information, cooperation in promoting the free flow of information, and the role of journalists. The Canadian delegation included some prominent Canadian journalists experienced in East-West relations.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs delivered Canada's opening statement at the Paris meeting of the Conference on the Human Dimension (May-June 1989), and the Canadian delegation took a leading role in pressing for strengthened commitments to human rights. The delegation also pressed for improved compliance with CSCE commitments by some East European countries that had not yet embarked on serious reform.

The Sofia Meeting on the Protection of the Environment (October-November 1989) reached agreement on new commitments in three important areas of environmental protection: industrial accidents, boundary waters and hazardous chemicals. However, Romania blocked a concluding document. The Canadian delegation described Canadian experience in encouraging public involvement with environmental issues and in bilateral environmental relations with the United States. Canada also played a prominent part in calling to account the Bulgarian authorities for their mistreatment of environmental activists during the meeting.

The Conference on Economic Cooperation in Europe, held in Bonn, March-April 1990, concluded a document containing groundbreaking agreement on principles of free market economics and cooperation in commercial activities. Canadian delegates from the private sector attended, and the Minister for International Trade,