

With attention focused on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty negotiations this year, there is little likelihood of significant movement on the Cut-Off Convention in the short term. Canada, along with many of its international partners, remains committed to beginning negotiations immediately, starting with ad hoc experts' discussions prior to formal negotiations.

The Moscow Nuclear Summit Communiqué repeated this commitment to the immediate commencement and early conclusion of negotiations on a non-discriminatory and universally applicable convention banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.