

Since the programme's inception in 1983, nearly 100 projects have been undertaken directly in support of Canada's ongoing work in the Conference on Disarmament. As well, the verification programme supports the Vienna talks and the Stockholm conference.

Some of the programme's more recent activities include:

- the planned \$3.2 million upgrading of the Yellowknife seismic array as a major contribution to research into monitoring an eventual Comprehensive Test Ban;
- the presentation to the Secretary-General of the U.N. of a detailed handbook for use in investigating allegations of chemical or biological weapons use;
- the ongoing "Paxsat" projects designed to determine the feasibility of remote sensing from space-to-space or space-to-earth in the verification of an eventual treaty prohibiting weapons in space; and
- a series of comprehensive compendiums of statements made in the Conference on Disarmament and its predecessors, on the subjects of Chemical Weapons, Radiological Weapons, Outer Space and Verification.

This body of knowledge and expertise on verification issues is shared widely with the international community. In this way Canada is furthering, in a very practical way, the global arms control process.

Canada's credentials in this sort of serious background work on verification have been well-established and are now widely recognised in the multilateral forums. This may account, to some extent, for the unprecedented success Canada had in having the 40th General Assembly adopt by consensus a resolution on "Verification in all its Aspects."

This resolution gained the unanimous support of the international community on the legitimacy of verification as a genuine, necessary and integral component of the arms control process. Nations from the East, West and Neutral-Non-Aligned noted that, if disarmament measures are to be effective, they must be "fair and balanced, acceptable to all parties, their substance must be clear and compliance with them must be evident." The resolution calls upon Member States to "increase their efforts towards achieving agreements on balanced, mutually