

UNITED NATIONS

Secretary of State for External Affairs, (Third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament (UNSSOD III), New York, June 13, 1988)

The strength of this institution is not the responsibility of any one group of nations; it is the responsibility of all its members. We must work in support of the UN and not undermine it. We cannot ask it to do the impossible. We have to set realistic goals, and we have to give it the means to achieve these goals.

(SEE ALSO CANADIAN ROLE AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS)

VERIFICATION

Ambassador for Disarmament, (Downtown Rotary Club, Edmonton, February 25, 1988)

Through Canada's extensive work in verification, we have become recognized at the United Nations as a world leader in this subject, which is now seen to be of critical importance in the negotiation an implemenation of arms limitation and disarmament agreements. In 1983, Canada launched a verification research program, with a \$1 million annual budget, which concentrates on verification techniques for seismic monitoring, chemical weapons use, and the feasibility of space-based satellite sensing. This latter is an exciting, far-seeing program.

Ambassador for Disarmament, (United Nations Disarmament Commission, New York, May 3, 1988)

Since last year there have been major developments with respect to the issue of verification, both in a bilateral framework and a multilateral one. The innovative verification provisions of the INF Agreement, the continuing discussions between the USA and USSR on verifying a nuclear test ban, and the challenge inspections conducted pursuant to the Stockholm Document, are all examples of such developments. Verification remains at the very heart of the arms control and disarmament process: for without agreement on effective verification measures there can be no meaningful arms control or disarmament.

(SEE ALSO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, CONFIDENCE BUILDING, INTERMEDIATE NUCLEAR FORCES (INF) AGREEMENT AND STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY BUILDING MEASURES-1986)