

standing requirement for them in order to fulfil the tasks outlined in its Defence White Paper. We must therefore import landmines, and all of our traditional sources of supply are presently adhering to the voluntary moratorium. The creation of a transfer regime would permit the Canadian Forces to resume the importation of landmines.

Canada favours the inclusion of the transfer regime within the CCW (the Dutch proposal) rather than outside it (the USA/UK proposal). We believe this would strengthen the CCW and keep all landmine-related activities under one roof thereby getting the suppliers and the recipients together within a multilateral, rules based approach to the problem. In the end, however, we could accept either solution in terms of our requirement to purchase mines from abroad, but we strongly favour the Dutch proposal for political reasons.

POSITIONS OF OTHER MAJOR PLAYERS/GROUPS ON THE ISSUE:

As noted above.

LIKELY AREAS OF COMPROMISE:

There are indications that the USA may accept the Dutch proposal..