

The Government expects that the new Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security will also have a vital role in increasing knowledge and understanding of these issues. The Institute was created this summer following a consensus of all parties in Parliament. Fourteen distinguished Canadians have been appointed to the 17-member Board and they held their first meeting on October 1. A Chairman, William Barton, and a Vice-Chairman, Margaret Fulton, have been selected and the Institute has begun operating. Through statutory allocations, it will have funds which will increase from \$1.5 million this year to \$5 million in five years.

The Institute, which will be independent of government, will foster, fund and conduct research. It will promote scholarship and will study and propose ideas and policies. It will also collect and disseminate information on international peace and security. Its library and computer bank will help overcome the problems created by confusing statistics and thus will be able to make an important contribution in promoting fresh ideas and developing new and better solutions to the problems we face today.

The Government believes the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament in Ottawa, which was created as a result of private initiative, can complement the efforts of the Institute to develop a body of knowledge and expertise from which Canadians can draw in their discussion of these issues. It has, therefore, provided the Centre with an annual grant of \$100,000 to assist in its public information and research activities in order to encourage strong public involvement in the Canadian debate on arms control and disarmament.