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The quarterly will carry articles by invited authors on subjects which reflect our own research interests, as well as regular features intended to bring readers up to date about the public debate in Canada and abroad, and about our own activities. There are many other sources of information and comment on peace and security questions, of course, especially from south of the border. But there is also a growing interest amongst Canadians to look at these matters from a Canadian perspective, and without taking the answers for granted.

The Institute is supporting the publication of magazines and conference reports by various groups in Canada. We could have decided to leave it at that. But just as we expect that the creation of a new Institute of this kind will lead over time to a more widely-based and also more reflective Canadian contribution to the search for global security and peace, so we look forward to this quarterly becoming a lively and continuing account of the debate over peace and security issues from a Canadian perspective.

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