

an FMCT based on the mandate agreed in this report. Canada's current Ambassador for Disarmament, Mark Moher, chaired the first session of the FMCT Ad Hoc Committee in 1998.

In the FMCT negotiations, Canada will work to ensure that the CD deals in a non-discriminatory way both with nuclear disarmament and arms control objectives, as regards the five NWS, and equally with nuclear non-proliferation objectives, as regards those states which have remained outside the NPT regime. Those two dimensions — nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, with the clear distinction between them — are and must remain at the heart of the international nuclear security blueprint. Furthermore, a Treaty that puts an end for all time to the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons must be matched by parallel undertakings from the NWS to establish effective mechanisms to reduce and eventually eliminate stockpiles of fissile material.

The FMCT negotiations are likely to be lengthy and difficult. In the meantime, the Government of Canada is promoting an immediate and universal moratorium on production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. The Government will continue to urge all concerned to commit themselves immediately to such a moratorium.

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Canada should support the establishment of a nuclear arms register to cover both weapons and fissile material as proposed by Germany in 1993.

Response

The Government supports further transparency measures by the nuclear-weapons States that will promote reductions and the elimination of nuclear weapons. An effective FMCT and parallel undertakings by the NWS to address stockpiles of fissile material for nuclear weapons purposes will be important practical steps towards this objective.

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