

mic data exchange experiment and Canada's seismological array at Yellowknife provided data for the test. Canadians continue to be at the forefront of CTB verification research.

Canada has congratulated France, Russia and the US for implementing testing moratoria, and these last two for making a commitment to negotiate a CTBT. We have called on the UK and China to join in.

Canada believes that CTBT negotiations are best undertaken in a multilateral forum like the CD. An early start to negotiations should help to create a more favourable atmosphere for the indefinite, unconditional extension of the NPT and should assist other non-proliferation efforts. In Canada's view, the treaty should contain strong verification provisions and provide for universal adherence. Canada will continue to promote efforts towards a CTBT in the CD and in other fora. ■



Commercially available overhead imagery is becoming more relevant to the verification of arms control agreements, including a CTBT, as resolutions improve and the number of sources increase. This is a Russian DD-5 satellite image of the US Nevada test site taken in August 1992. The ground spatial resolution is approximately 2 metres.

Forecast

Arms control and disarmament activities involving Canada, October 1993 through January 1994.

Ongoing: CSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, Vienna

Ongoing: CFE Joint Consultative Group, Vienna

Ongoing: Open Skies Consultative Commission, Vienna

September 27 - October 1: CWC Preparatory Committee meeting, The Hague

October 18 - December 6: UN General Assembly First Committee, New York

November 2-4: Meeting of the Middle East peace process Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security, Moscow

November 29 - December 3: Missile Technology Control Regime experts meeting, Interlaken, Switzerland

December: Australia Group meeting, Paris

December 13-14: International Seminar on the Proliferation of Chemical and Biological Weapons, Oslo

January 1994: CTBT negotiations due to begin in the CD, Geneva

January 17-21, 1994: NPT Review Conference Preparatory Committee meeting, New York

Acronyms

AFCCCL — Automatic Firearms Country Control List
 ASEAN (PMC) — Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Post-Ministerial Conference)
 CD — Conference on Disarmament
 CFE — Conventional Armed Forces in Europe
 C(S)BM — confidence- (and security-) building measure
 CTB(T) — comprehensive test ban (treaty)
 CWC — Chemical Weapons Convention
 EAITC — External Affairs and International Trade Canada
 GODOS — Group of Democratic and Other States
 GSE — Group of Scientific Experts
 GSETT — GSE Technical Test
 IDC — International Data Centre
 ISMS — International Seismic Monitoring System
 NPT — Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

OAS — Organization of American States
 PTBT — Partial Test Ban Treaty
 SOM — Senior Officials Meeting
 UNDC — UN Disarmament Commission
 UNGA — UN General Assembly ■

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