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## CANADA AND THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM

The information set out below consists of extracts from official publications and is intended to provide a chronological account, although somewhat disjointedly, of the work of the United Nations in dealing with the problem of disarmament and of Canada's concern with this problem. Most of the extracts are taken from successive volumes in the CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS series which is published annually by the Department of External Affairs. These volumes since 1946 have carried chapters on the problem of disarmament including the international control of atomic energy which, when read together, provide a picture of developments from the time of the establishment of the Atomic Energy Commission in 1946 until the General Assembly resolution of April 8, 1953, which requested the United Nations Disarmament Commission to continue its work. An additional chapter has been added to bring the survey up to April 1954.

Since a number of the CANADA AND THE UNITED NATIONS volumes are now out of print and in view of the heightened interest in the problem of disarmament resulting from recent developments in the field of atomic and hydrogen weapons, this material has been brought together in this form for the convenience of those interested.

The detailed examination of the disarmament problem has taken place in three United Nations commissions, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Commission for Conventional Armaments and the Disarmament Commission. The first two commissions met separately and concurrently during the years 1946-52. Their work was taken over by the present Disarmament Commission which was established on January 11, 1952. The following material has, accordingly, been divided into three parts each of which describes the work of one commission.

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