

- detailed analyses of the Soviet approach to verification in various forums;
- papers on the role of confidence and security-building measures in arms control negotiations;
- an examination of the International Atomic Energy Agency's safeguards system as a possible model for other compliance and verification systems.

There is much work to be done in the field of verification. Much of it is detailed, scientific analysis and computation. All of it has a very real practical, political purpose — to make possible the negotiation of meaningful arms control agreements, which would ban nuclear testing, chemical weapons and weapons in space.

The concept of verification has been challenged by some who charge that it is simply a diversion or delaying tactic employed by those who do not truly want disarmament. Canada strongly disagrees with this point of view. It must be remembered that verification is a means to an end and not an end in itself. The end, of course, is arms control and disarmament agreements in which both sides can repose a degree of confidence that the other side will comply. A demand for a perfect verification system is unrealistic because the absence of such perfection will always be used by one side or the other to block movement toward an agreement it does not want. However, verification is an essential ingredient in arms control agreements. Of course, political will to achieve agreement remains fundamental to the negotiating process; but verification can act as a means of facilitating the conclusion of disarmament agreements. Thus, Canada's work on both the concept of verification, as well as the scientific research on technical requirements and capabilities for verification, reinforce the negotiating process.

This steady, though unspectacular work by Canada, is a special contribution to the negotiating process and will help create the confidence and trust vital to the disarmament process itself.

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Another way in which Canada has consistently contributed to the building of peaceful conditions throughout the world has been peace-keeping.