

Environment should be modest when compared to the creation of a separate agency with data collection and inspection capabilities.

As noted earlier, there are other responsibilities which will have to be assumed by External Affairs and International Trade Canada. These include representation at the Consultative Committee, possible (rotational) membership on the Executive Council, diplomatic interactions with both of the above at the headquarters of the International Authority and in Ottawa, as well as dealings with the Technical Secretariat on non-technical matters.

CANADIAN COSTS

At this stage, cost estimates can only be approximate; there are still too many variables for accurate estimates to be made. Nevertheless, one can lay out where the costs will fall and suggest an order of magnitude. After the CWC is opened for signature, there will be costs associated with the establishment and operation of a Preparatory Commission, and one would anticipate that Canada would be as heavily involved in that activity as it has been in the Conference on Disarmament negotiations. This will involve dedicated diplomatic, legal and technical expert support for a period of approximately three years, apart from an assessment