Comment by the Ambassador for Disarmament

"Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."

UNESCO Constitution

Throughout Canada, many concerned individuals and groups are working to inform the wider public of the critical issues of peace and security facing the world today.

There are tens of thousands of teachers, religious leaders, lawyers, scientists, students and parents committed to devoting their energies to a wide range of activities — both political and educational in nature.

The long-term educational activities of this widening body of Canadians is having a profound effect. The numerous public seminars, conferences and debates held throughout the country, as well as the hundreds of publications produced, are of fundamental importance in making the terrible complexities of the arms race comprehensible to the public.

Non-governmental organizations are uniquely and strategically placed to help develop an informed public opinion. And it is this public opinion that will contribute to the political process and thereby, the construction, development and support of policies which will advance the cause of peace, with freedom and justice.

The Disarmament Fund will play an increasingly important role in the development of greater understanding of the most crucial issue of our times.

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