

- seriously contribute to new insecurity and results in offensive arms developments,
- NMD deployment will do extraordinary, long-term harm to the international security environment,
  - the United States is moving toward deployment without the benefit of a thorough public debate and airing of the issues,
  - it is urgent that the voices of the international community be heard on NMD before the US acts.

### **Canada's role**

- Canada could help build the alternative to NMD by putting "flesh on the bones" of a multilateral effort to control ballistic missiles
- Canada is a key player in the National Missile Defense debate and a significant international influence with great leadership potential,
- technically or financially, Canada's role in a National Missile Defense system would be small, and even unnecessary
- if Canada endorsed the Americans' NMD, the United States would acquire a valuable ally, "moral legitimacy", and a distinct advantage in obliging support from other NATO member countries

### **What's Next?**

In October 2000, President Bill Clinton is expected to pronounce on whether to deploy or conduct more research into the National Missile Defense system. Presently, Clinton has not taken a position.

The participants created a list of short-, medium- and long term policy options and goals for Canada.

### **Short-Term Options (2000-2001)**

- Publicly defend the value and need for the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in speeches, statements, and those of others.
- Organize or sponsor an informal issue-discussion meeting with NATO officials and experts on the NBM in a retreat setting such as Banff, Alberta.
- Publicly and critically question and demystify the stigmatizing concept of rogue states.
- Bi-laterally or multilaterally (as appropriate) engage so-called rogue states who are known to have or to be developing ballistic missile capacity, such as Iran and North Korea.
- Using new technology, engage Canadian civil society in building a network for information exchange and debate to raise awareness of the seriousness and impact of the issue. Share more information on the issue with non-government organizations and journalists so they can have more informed discussions.
- Hold an in-depth experts meeting on space surveillance and/or the regulations of how space is used.
- Hold a meeting of commercial "space business" firms and leaders to discuss how militarization of space and the NMD will adversely affect commercial opportunities, especially in light of China's position