

**Appendix 4****Public Opinion**

Canadian public opinion in relation to arms control, defence policy, and regional conflict issues was measured through many polls conducted between July 1987 and July 1988. The results of these polls have been summarized below and categorized under the subject headings of Canadian Defence Policy; Canadian Foreign Policy; and International Affairs.

**Canadian Defence Policy**

A survey conducted between June and September 1987, commissioned by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS), touched upon a number of issues related to Canadian defence policy. The poll, conducted by Longwoods Research Group, comprised a total of 1,015 respondents. On the question of the size of Canadian defence forces, it asked: "From what you know or have read, do you think Canadian defence forces should be larger, about the present size, or smaller?" The poll found that 63 per cent felt that the forces should be larger, 33 per cent about the present size, and 5 per cent, smaller.

On a related issue, 23 per cent of respondents believed that Canada should increase the size of its armed forces in Europe; 49 per cent felt that the present size was about right; 10 per cent felt that their size should be reduced; and 19 per cent believed that all Canadian military forces in Europe should be withdrawn.