

An annual public appearance before this Committee by the Ambassador to the United Nations for Disarmament Affairs;

Response

The Government agrees to keep close contact with Parliament. Should the Committee so wish, this will include an annual appearance by Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs, before the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.



Strengthened co-ordination between the departments of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and National Defence, in the first instance by the inclusion of a representative from National Defence on Canadian delegations to multilateral nuclear non-proliferation fora.

Response

The Government of Canada will continue to speak with a single voice on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues, wherever they are discussed. Strong co-ordination between the two departments will remain a high priority. DND officials will continue to be invited to contribute, either as members of Canadian delegations attending multilateral nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament fora, including the NPT 2000 Review Conference, or through close consultations in the context of ongoing negotiations.

DFAIT and the Department of National Defence (DND) have long recognized the importance of close consultation on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues. The Canadian delegation to the UNGA First Committee on Disarmament and International Security includes DND representation, while Canada's delegation at NATO is fully integrated, comprised of representatives from both departments. When officials are sent from Ottawa to speak for Canada at international meetings, including those at NATO and the UN, they do so on the basis of consultations by the two departments. In Ottawa, information is shared on a daily basis.