

Among the main meetings assisted by the Disarmament Fund is the Consultative Group--consisting of representatives from non-governmental organizations, members of peace associations, academics, and private individuals--which meets periodically with officials of the Department of External Affairs and other interested Departments to exchange views on Canada's policies on arms control and disarmament. This year, the Fund also sponsored several members of the Consultative Group to come to New York during the 41st UN General Assembly, thus enabling the Group to extend its knowledge of the complicated multilateral field of arms control and disarmament.

The Canadian Government also funds the Canadian Institute of International Peace and Security, an independent institute devoted to Canadian research and public information. This year, the grant is more than \$3 million, increasing to \$5 million annually by 1988. Another organization which receives funding (a standing grant of \$100,000 per annum) is the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament, a privately-run research centre based in Ottawa.

In 1986, Canada gave special attention to the International Year of Peace. From the Disarmament Fund, we contributed \$10,000 to the Voluntary Fund of the IYP. We commemorated International Peace Day on September 16 through a ceremony under the bells of the Peace Tower in Ottawa; as well, the Government of Canada issued a stamp and a gold coin. Throughout the year, there have been numerous conferences and seminars addressing the multidimensional nature of peace --incorporating the traditional issues of arms control and disarmament with the protection of the global environment, the ongoing efforts in social and economic development, and the urgent affirmation of universal justice.

In brief, Canada supports a dialogue which will move us closer to common security. Thus, we laud and support the important efforts of the UN in promoting global communication on an issue which touches every single human being.