

NUCLEAR SECTION

Within the nuclear section, two sub-sections have been created; one deals mainly with co-operation and non-proliferation; the other focusses principally on safety and disarmament.

Co-operation and Non-proliferation

(Bilateral Issues, Export Control, Non-proliferation Sub-Section)

Canada has a long history of supporting peaceful uses of nuclear energy. IDN encourages bilateral as well as multilateral co-operation as it works to promote the peaceful and safe use of nuclear technologies. Since Canada is the world's largest uranium producer and exporter, and is a leader in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, it is prepared to co-operate with other states also wishing to enjoy the benefits of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Functions of the sub-section on **co-operation** issues include:

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- organizing bilateral consultations with, and monitoring compliance by, countries that have signed a Nuclear Co-operation Agreement (NCA) with Canada (see Table 3 listing current NCAs);
 - assisting in developing bilateral NCAs with other countries;
 - working with Canadian companies, as appropriate, on a case-by-case basis to facilitate Canadian nuclear exports;
 - developing, together with Canada's Permanent Mission in Vienna, Canadian positions on International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) matters; and
 - developing Canadian positions, as required, on the activities of other international organizations, including the Nuclear Energy Agency and the United Nations (and its specialized agencies and other arms, e.g., the International Maritime Organization, the World Health Organization and the Commission on Sustainable Development).
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