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THE SECOND CRITICAL ISSUE CONCERNS THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION AS TO HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN BEST SATISFY ITSELF THAT THE STRICTER PROVISIONS WE ARE AGREEING TO WILL IN FACT BE FULLY OBSERVED BY STATES PARTIES. WE BELIEVE THIS QUESTION MUST BE EFFECTIVELY ANSWERED - BOTH TO RESPOND TO THE LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND TO ENSURE OUR PROPOSED PROVISION ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS IS MEANINGFUL. WHAT DO WE NEED IN THIS RESPECT? WE NEED A POLITICAL MECHANISM TO CONSIDER INFORMATION AND TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS; WE NEED A WORKABLE PROCESS TO COLLECT THE INFORMATION NECESSARY; AND, WE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR SOME TEETH IF VIOLATIONS ARE UNEARTHED. IN ADDRESSING THESE NEEDS WE ARE NOT VENTURING INTO UNKNOWN TERRITORY. INNUMERABLE AGREEMENTS - BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL - CONTAIN PROVISIONS FOR VERIFICATION, DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS AND RESOLVING DISPUTES. THAT IS ALL WE ARE SEEKING TO DO HERE; HOW ELSE CAN WE ENSURE "STRICT AND EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL"?

WE HAVE SEVERAL FORMULATIONS BEFORE US TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE. CANADA WILL DEVOTE PARTICULAR EFFORT DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS TO WORK WITH ALL REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO FIND AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.

ALL OF THE MEASURES I HAVE CITED ARE NECESSARY; THEY MEET REAL NEEDS, THEY REINFORCE EACH OTHER, AND WHEN IMPLEMENTED IN OUR CONVENTION, THEY WILL SIGNIFICANTLY AND PROGRESSIVELY ENHANCE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS. MOREOVER, THEIR INCORPORATION WILL BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE OF A COMPLETE BAN ON ALL LAND MINES.