

to be reduced in order to compete effectively in the other fields. Some international contests already exist, like the Olympic Games and the Nobel Prizes. A "battle of statistics," unlike a military battle, can have a beneficial fallout. While it is true that you cannot threaten another state with your low infant mortality rate, the latter can be used to show that the "free" countries perform better than the "unfree" in this respect. (Starobin works out a sample numerical comparison.)

The Nuclear Weapons Legal Action in Canada is preparing to test before the courts the legality of preparing for nuclear war. Co-plaintiffs include World Federalists of Canada, Lawyers for Social Responsibility, National Union of Provincial Government Employees, Veterans Against Nuclear Arms, the Assembly of First Nations, Voice of Women, and Operation Dismantle. Numerous other organizations and several municipalities have endorsed this action, without becoming co-plaintiffs.

The case will likely be based on six core principles which have been extracted from the body of international law and summarized as the so-called "Humanitarian Rules of Armed Conflict." They are:

Rule 1 - It is prohibited to use weapons or tactics that cause unnecessary or aggravated devastation and suffering;

Rule 2 - It is prohibited to use weapons or tactics that cause indiscriminate harm as between combatants and non-combatants, military and civilian personnel;

Rule 3 - It is prohibited to use weapons or tactics that cause wide-spread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment;