



A Leopard main battle tank rolls through a West German farm village during a NATO exercise. It is from the Royal Canadian Dragoons based at CFB Lahr. Tanks are among the weapons controlled by the CFE Treaty.

Canadian Forces photo by Sgt. Margaret Reid

military presence in Europe is relatively small, the Treaty is not expected to have a significant effect on the size of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The CFE Treaty will result in the large-scale reduction of conventional forces in Europe, primarily on the WTO side. Once the Treaty is fully put into effect, the chances of a conventional war in Europe will be much less than they have been. Since the signing of the CFE Treaty, the 22 members of NATO and the WTO have opened another set of negotiations aimed at further reducing conventional forces in Europe.

Although disarmament progress is being made in Europe, other regions of the world, such as the Middle East and South Asia, remain heavily armed. Canada hopes that now that East and West are beginning to reduce their conventional forces, countries in other areas will start to consider how they too might reduce such weapons to levels that provide greater security and less risk of war. Canada is looking at ways in which it might assist this process. ■

Forecast

A list of arms control and disarmament activities involving Canada, January through May 1991.

Ongoing: CSBM Negotiations, Vienna

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January 7-18: PTBT Amendment Conference, New York

January 22 - March 29: CD in session, Geneva

January 29 - February 1: Canada-Netherlands trial CFE inspection in the Netherlands

April: Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third Review Conference of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (to be held in September), New York

April-May: UN Disarmament Commission, New York

May 14 - June 28: CD in session, Geneva ■

Acronyms

ACV — armoured combat vehicle
 ATTU — Atlantic-to-the Urals region
 AVLB — armoured vehicle launched bridge
 CD — Conference on Disarmament
 CFB — Canadian Forces Base
 CFE — Conventional Armed Forces in Europe
 CSBM — confidence- and security-building measure
 CSCE — Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe
 CTB(T) — comprehensive test ban (treaty)
 CW — chemical weapons
 DACVO — Directorate of Arms Control Verification
 DRES — Defence Research Establishment Suffield
 EAITC — External Affairs and International Trade Canada
 JCG — Joint Consultative Group
 MBFR — Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction (talks)
 MTCR — Missile Technology Control Regime
 NATO — North Atlantic Treaty Organization
 NPT — Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
 NTM/MTM — national/multinational technical means
 OOV — object of verification
 PTBT — Partial Test Ban Treaty
 START — Strategic Arms Reduction Talks
 TLE — Treaty-limited equipment
 UNGA — United Nations General Assembly
 WTO — Warsaw Treaty Organization ■

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