

The programme focusses on certain Canadian arms control and disarmament priorities. Projects include: (i) research studies for application to problems in international negotiations; (ii) specialized technical training programs; (iii) hosting of international symposia of experts on specific subjects; (iv) liason with national and international bodies outside of Canada engaged in verification issues; and (v) public presentation of verification issues.

In sharing the results of our work with the international community, we hope to contribute to easing the political and security concerns and overcoming the lack of confidence that have kept nations divided. For that reason, Canada welcomed the statement issued by the Five-Continent Peace Initiative at their summit meeting in Mexico that they seek cooperation with non-nuclear states "in international verification arrangements related to future nuclear disarmament."

Canadian Government priorities in the verification field are:

- The achievement of a comprehensive convention to ban chemical weapons.
- The negotiation of a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty.
- The prevention of arms race in outer space.
- The pursuit of arms control and military confidence-building in Europe.