

contribution to resolving arms control negotiating problems. Through its Verification Research Unit, Canada is focussing on practical, technical problems

-- linked to verification that must be resolved as a prerequisite to incorporating binding verification provisions in arms control treaties. Our verification research programme has continued its work on key issues relating to a limitation of nuclear testing leading to a comprehensive test ban, a global chemical weapons convention, and the prevention of an arms race in outer space. At the United Nations, we were pleased that the First Committee unanimously approved for the second year in a row, a Canadian-initiated resolution emphasizing the critical role of verification in the arms control and disarmament process.

-- Finally, building confidence between East and West. We welcome the enhancement of the political dialogue between East and West and the expansion of people-to-people contacts can help to foster East-West understanding. Canada and the Soviet Union, for example,