

dollars a year to the Verification Research Unit in our Department of External Affairs. This unit 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. To assist in laying the foundations for a CTB, the Canadian Government is upgrading its seismic array in our own Northern territory. We have just hosted a successful, technical workshop in Ottawa at which 16 countries (including the United States and the Soviet Union) were represented. Our commitment to the International Seismic Data Exchange remains firm. Verification has now become an international concern and Canada welcomes the statement issued by the six nations of the Five-Continent Peace Initiative at their recent summit meeting in Mexico that they seek cooperation with non-nuclear states "in international verification arrangements related to future nuclear disarmament." We in Canada are certain that, in putting our efforts into a Programme of Action which concentrates on practical solutions and co-operating with other nations, we are on the right track.

Canada's commitment to verifiable and balanced arms control and disarmament remains absolutely firm. The Canadian Prime Minister has set out six policy areas:

- negotiated radical reductions in nuclear forces and the enhancement of strategic stability;
- maintenance and strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation regime;
- support for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty as a fundamental and abiding objective of Canadian Foreign Policy;
- negotiation of a Chemical Weapons ban;
- prevention of an arms race in outer space;
- confidence-building measures to facilitate the reduction of military forces in Europe and elsewhere.

Again at this United Nations session -- and in the Conference on Disarmament -- Canada will be looking for early progress in these areas of crucial concern to all of us. Among these, perhaps the closest to realization is a Global Chemical