

We are taking these steps because they are worth undertaking in their own right, but also because of Canada's concern about the future of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which is to be reviewed in 1985. For many adherents of the treaty, progress towards a Test Ban is a litmus test of the efficacy of the Treaty: we must show to these countries that the Treaty is worthwhile, and our efforts on the Test Ban must accordingly be directed to this end.

Both Prime Minister Mulroney and Mr. Clark have made it clear that in the search for peace and disarmament, the Canadian people have an important role to play. The Government is committed to a thorough review of Canadian foreign policy with substantial input from the Canadian public and Parliament. The aim, as Mr. Clark has stated in his United Nations speech, will be "the creative renewal of a moderate and constructive Canadian role in the world." Arms control and disarmament will be central issues in that review.

The new Government wants input from the Canadian public. This is not simply a gesture. The Government is concerned about what people think. It believes that individuals as well as non-governmental organizations have a constructive role to play.

I know from my own experience that growing numbers of non-governmental organizations are informed, concerned, and realistic in their representations on the issues of arms control and peace. I want these concerned citizens as an ally of government, not an adversary. This does not mean co-optation; it does mean co-operation in the search for policies that are correct, viable and supportable in the common responsibility to ensure security with peace and freedom. Naturally, the government must retain its