

The Research programme continued to grow during 1989–90, aiming at increased focus on the subject areas identified by the Institute as priorities for intensive concentration over the next two to five years. These are: the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; Canadian defence and security policy; measures for strengthening international systems of peacekeeping,

peacemaking and peacebuilding; regions of conflict and potential conflict; Arctic security and cooperation; and exploration of new threats and new approaches to international security.

This focus is increasingly reflected in all the section's activities, while at the same time the Institute is building capacity to respond to the major and rapid changes in the international situation evolving in Europe and elsewhere. Important products of several major research projects appeared in the course of the year, and there was an upsurge of activity in such areas as the organization of seminars and workshops. (see Annex E for a list of all major research projects, and Annex C for non-Institute publications by Institute staff.)

Europe and East-West Relations

The great changes in Europe, in East-West relations, and in the Western Alliance were a major focus of attention. Researchers participated actively in Institute, governmental, parliamentary, media and other assessments of European developments. In an important innovation, the Research group organized a series of briefings on the Ottawa and Budapest

Open Skies conferences. Officers of the Department of External Affairs gave first-hand accounts of the on-going negotiations to an audience drawn from non-governmental organizations, the aerospace industry and other interested groups.

Work on two major projects on Soviet affairs and superpower relations was completed in 1989–90. Books edited by Carl Jacobsen, a former senior research fellow, and based on research programmes underwritten by the Institute, were published by The Macmillan Press of London, under the titles: *Soviet Foreign Policy: New Dynamics, New Themes*, and *Strategic Power USA-USSR*.

Commissioned studies on various aspects of Canadian-Soviet relations also continued, leading to the future publication of several monographs on current issues as well as further work on two books and an oral history. Projects on inter-allied relations, Canadian involvement in NATO, and Western arms control policies, moved closer to completion.

Defence and Security Policy

Canadian defence and security policy was a field of active interest during the year, and was given further impetus by the rapidly evolving situation in Eastern Europe and by intensive internal policy reviews being undertaken by the government ministries concerned.