

function on a temporary basis after the first UN Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD I) in 1978. The UN General Assembly last autumn passed a resolution, cosponsored by Canada, which provided for an autonomous institution, working closely with the UN Department for Disarmament Affairs, to undertake independent research on disarmament and related security issues. Its activities are to be funded by voluntary contributions from states as well as private organizations.

Guidelines for the World Disarmament Campaign were agreed last year at the second UN Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD II). Canada played a leading role in the search for consensus on the guidelines which also provide for an annual review of its activities. Canada will continue to follow closely developments related to the Campaign with a view to determining the most effective ways of further contributing to its objectives.

The Canadian statement on the World Disarmament Campaign at UNSSOD II highlighted the increased attention Canada has been devoting to research and public information activities in Canada in light of the recommendations in the Final Document of UNSSOD I. Canada attaches the greatest importance to activities under the World Disarmament Campaign being carried out in all regions of the world in a balanced, factual and objective manner.