

"Canada was the first country with substantial nuclear capability to renounce the nuclear weapons option. Successive Canadian governments have chosen to devote their efforts instead to the development of the non-explosive uses of nuclear energy, to peaceful nuclear commerce and to strengthening the international non-proliferation regime.

As an original party, Canada strongly supports the full application of the NPT. . . . Canada has consistently and repeatedly called on those states not yet party to the NPT to accede as soon as possible. Canada has also taken a leading role in supporting other important elements of the international non-proliferation regime, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards system and multilateral nuclear export controls."

The Right Honourable Joe Clark,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
Writing in *Maclean's Magazine*, 12 June 1989.

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