

top priority of the Government and Canada's continued opposition to the freeze, the continuation of Cruise testing, low level flight training centre in Goose Bay, Nanoose Bay etc.

Several people expressed frustration at being outside the political process on defence and disarmament issues. As well, they complained of a lack of consultation and open communication on these issues and explanations of the reasons for various government policies.

Canada's tradition and reputation in its conduct of international relations was well established. However, there was a general sense that Canadian foreign policy was shifting -- with a new emphasis on the U.S., defence matters, defence industries -- and some positions were seen as being at variance with Canada's ability to continue to influence positively international relations. Canada's military expenditures were seen as working against its independence.

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