

With assistance from the Disarmament Fund, which last year provided \$753,000 to 53 groups:

-- Scientists at McGill University's Institute of Air and Space Law are undertaking research projects relating to arms control, disarmament and outer space.

-- The Prairie Christian Training Centre in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan held a "Prairie Region Peacemakers Workshop."

-- Project Ploughshares has undertaken research and documentation projects and publications and a national conference on the broad theme of "Disarmament and Development."

-- The Arts Faculty at the University of Moncton is organizing an international conference on the themes "La politique, les armes et la paix; le développement et la paix; l'éducation et la paix."

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The peace movement in Canada is in a privileged position. The democratic nature of our political system means that government is both sensitive and responsive to the opinions of the public -- this is not the case in many parts of the world. This places a special responsibility on the peace movement in Canada, not only to air its concerns, but also to give the Government the best advice it possibly can on questions relating to arms control and disarmament. In order to accomplish this task the peace movement must continue to be informed and balanced in its opinions, as well as active and vocal in making its concerns widely known.

There are many ways of conveying opinions -- through marches, letter-writing campaigns, meetings with Members of Parliament. Through the Disarmament Fund, the new Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security, and the foreign policy review process, the public has the opportunity to present new perspectives and to suggest new approaches.

The Canadian public, through the peace movement and individually, must respond to the questions and challenges set out in the Green Paper. The call for public participation has been made strongly and repeatedly -- by the Prime Minister, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I would add my voice to theirs -- reminding all concerned Canadians that, as the Green Paper states:

"The imperative of ensuring security at lower levels of nuclear weapons requires that no proposal or line of thinking on a possible solution be dismissed without careful examination."

The Canadian public, through the review process, must bring forward its concerns, its views and above all, its ideas.