

Canada is also engaged in the discussions at the Conference on Disarmament aimed at the prevention of an arms race in outer space. Canada submitted a detailed study of international law relating to arms control and outer space. This survey identifies a number of important themes for examination if an international treaty and preventing an arms race in space is to be successfully written.

The building of confidence in East-West relations is of great concern, for it is a prerequisite to arms control and disarmament. In both the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe and at the Vienna Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Talks, Canada is working, with its allies, to find ways of achieving agreement on this issue.

The diversity of Canada's participation in the multilateral arms control and disarmament forums reflects the complexity of the problems as well as the need to construct a productive political atmosphere in order to negotiate equitable, durable and verifiable arms control agreements. One way of growing importance that Canada contributes to this process is with its extensive verification research programme.

Verification is not, of course, an end in itself, but it does enhance the effectiveness of treaties by promoting confidence and compliance in negotiated texts. A solid body of verifiable arms control treaties in which nations reposed a degree of confidence would go a long way toward easing tensions and mistrust. Verification, Mr. Clark recently pointed out to the House of Commons, "is an area where Canadian expertise and diplomacy come together."

Canada's verification programme supports our arms control and disarmament priorities by:

- undertaking research studies for problems applicable to international negotiations;
- promoting specialized training programmes;
- hosting international symposiums of experts on specific subjects;
- providing liaison with national and international bodies outside of Canada engaged in verification work;
- presenting to the public the issue of verification.