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total figure, however, excludes exports to the United States. In regard to the procedures concerning the approval of export licences, the report comments:

Every application to export military goods or technology to countries that are not NATO allies or close defence partners is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by officials in External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC) in consultation with officials from the Department of National Defence and from Industry, Science and Technology. Review by the Secretary of State for External Affairs is required for applications to export military goods and technology in all cases governed by the above guidelines.¹⁰

In regard to the exclusion of exports to the United States, the report commented:

It has been a longstanding policy that permits are not required for exports of Group 2 (Munitions) to the US. Information provided by permit applicants, including the product, value and names of exporter and consignee are provided to EAITC in confidence and will be protected to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Export and Import Permits act.¹¹

It was not clear from official statements whether the first report to the United Nations in April 1993 would also exclude exports to the United States, which constitute approximately 75 percent of Canadian military exports.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

Certain aspects of Canadian policy were clarified during hearings on arms exports conducted by the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade. On the matter of exports to the United States, NDP critic John Brewin suggested that the failure to track exports to the United States meant that Canada would not meet the disclosure requirements of the UN register. Donald W. Campbell, Deputy Minister for International Trade and Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, responded:

In not requiring specific export permits, we do not have specific transactional information on exports to the United States. I think we have a very general idea of that from the general statistics accumulated by Statistics Canada for Canadian exports to the United States. Of

¹⁰ *Second Annual Report*, March 1992: 1.

¹¹ *Ibid.*: 2.