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**Ballistic Missiles Foreign Experts  
Roundtable Report  
March 30-31, 2000**

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On March 30-31, 2000, nine ballistic missiles experts from Germany, Norway, Russia, and the United States met to discuss the impact of the National Missile Defense program proposed by the United States government on the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and the relations of the United States with Canada, Russia, China, the European Union and the world.

The experts examined the option of a multilateral approach to more effective ballistic missile control, international monitoring, and early warning systems.

**KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Canada can and should play a lead role in elaborating a multilateral action plan on ballistic missiles. Canada can:

- raise the profile of the issues involved
- broaden the discussion to include key NATO countries (Germany, Norway, Netherlands, Denmark, etc.)
- work together with civil society to make a panel of scientific and civil society experts to develop a mature proposal on a multilateral approach to the ballistic missile problem
- initiate outreach to China on the ballistic missile issue
- initiate outreach and reassurance to Russia
- engage the so-called "rogue" states i.e. North Korea, by addressing their security interests
- as a NORAD partner, push the United States to address Russian needs and concerns including building on the US-Russian notification regime and reinforcing the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty
- Canada should address both the US domestic political situation and public opinion regarding NMD.