

When the World Disarmament Campaign was launched in June, 1982, Canada immediately saw the benefit of a world-wide program committed to informing, educating, and generating public understanding and support for the objectives of the United Nations in the field of arms limitation and disarmament. From our own national experience, we in Canada have learned the essential lesson of the peace dialogue: no one is exempt from this important discussion, and the more educated the global community is about the multi-faceted dimensions of peace, the closer we are to the goal of mutual understanding and co-operation. In this regard, our task in the field of arms control and disarmament has been aided by the efforts of the World Disarmament Campaign.

The Canadian Government supports the education and information goals of the Campaign and to this end, during its first three years, we donated \$300,000. This amount has turned out to be more than 20 per cent of the total convertible pledges received by the Campaign. Canada remains committed to informed public opinion and a better understanding of the work of the United Nations in the field of arms control and disarmament.

This year, I am pleased to announce that Canada will contribute another \$50,000 to the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign, through our continuing support of the following activities:

- \$25,000 to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in support of its research in the field of verification, an area which is of particular interest to Canada and in which we have made some noteworthy contributions;
- \$25,000 in support of information activities by the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs. In particular, we would wish that this amount be used towards all aspects of the production and distribution of the UN Disarmament Yearbook, thereby reducing its price per copy and making it more accessible to publics all over the world.