

Non-Proliferation Treaty

Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and ensuring safe use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes (nuclear non-proliferation). Aims to end the arms race by preventing nuclear weapons or their technology from falling into the wrong hands. Approved by the United Nations General Assembly 2 June 1968. Signed by Canada 28 September 1970. Ratified by Canada 1 July 1971. Canada also has a safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency as required by the NPT.

Signed: 23 July 1968.

Ratified: 8 January 1969.

Entered into force for Canada 11 December 1971 (ratification by the Senate of the ratifying instrument).

Seized Arms Central Treaty

(Treaty on the Prohibition of the Employment of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Seabed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof). Approved by the United Nations General Assembly 7 December 1970.

Partied: 17 May 1971. (Entered into force for Canada 11 December 1971, upon ratification by the Senate of the ratifying instrument.) Entered into force: 18 May 1972.

Biological Weapons Convention

(Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction).

Signed: 10 April 1972, London, Moscow, Washington.

Ratified: 18 September 1972.

Entered into force for Canada: 26 March 1973.

Chemical Weapons Convention

(Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques).

Signed: 10 May 1976, Geneva.

Ratified: 11 June 1981.

Entered into force: 5 October 1984.

Entered into force for Canada: 11 June 1984.

Chemical Weapons Convention

(Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects).

Signed: 10 April 1980.

Ratified: 10 May 1985 by Canada.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons in Outer Space

Signed: 27 September 1985, Vienna.

Ratified: 10 January 1990 by the International League of Cities. Entered into force for Canada: 16 February 1991.

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