

The Nordic Zone has seen some serious negotiations. The USSR wants it, and has offered some withdrawals of weapons from its own heavily armed base on the Kola Peninsula, in order to encourage it. Finland and Sweden (the non-aligned Scandinavian states) want it, especially Finland, whose former President Kekkonen had proposed it several times. NATO members Norway and Denmark hesitate, but seem to be warming up to it. US and NATO opposition may remain a problem: the West sees the Nordic Zone as favouring the East, because of the heavy concentration of armaments on USSR's Kola Peninsula; but if the Soviet withdrawal offer is genuine, the outlook may improve.

The Arctic Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (NWFZ) has never been proposed at the governmental level, therefore its discussion will be deferred to a later section. However, Gorbachev has recently proposed to Canada a zone of peace in the Arctic. The Arctic region also involves Scandinavia and the US. It is not clear what exact measures the Arctic zone of peace would entail. It might be more a zone of economic or scientific cooperation than a zone of disarmament.

#### Other Zones:

The Caribbean Zone was proposed by Jamaica;

The Southeast Asian Zone has been proposed by Malaysia.

The South Asian Zone has been proposed by Pakistan and opposed by India. Pakistan is suspected of attempting to develop nuclear weapons. India tested a device (they said it was "a peaceful nuclear explosion") in 1974, but is not known to be accumulating a stockpile of weapons.