

(v) to continue to explore, in close consultation with Canada's NATO allies and other like-minded countries, the possibility of other measures, both in nuclear and non-nuclear arms control fields, which would help to contribute to general progress in arms control and an amelioration of the East-West political climate.

As another practical step in maintaining and strengthening the NPT, Canada, and a number of like-minded countries, have undertaken to approach non-signatory states in an effort to have more countries sign what is already the most widely adhered to international security treaty.

In reaching out to hard-core critics and non-signatories of the NPT, we are making these points:

-- To those countries which remain critics of the NPT, and argue that the Treaty is discriminatory, we point out that the same discrimination exists in the United Nations Security Council.

-- To those nations that call for an end to the nuclear arms race while refusing themselves to sign the NPT, we suggest that their appeal would be more credible were they a party to the Treaty.

-- To those states which retain the nuclear option for perceived regional security considerations, we ask them to consider the tragic and devastating consequences of a limited regional nuclear war.