

These verification measures include watching the destruction procedure, monitoring certain national chemical industries, and providing for the inspection of civilian and military sites at short notice.

Canada and a number of other states have already said that they will sign the CWC when it is opened for signature in January 1993. Even so, the CWC will not enter into force before 1995. It is very important that all countries agree to abide by the Convention. Too many states leaving open the option of arming themselves with CW would undermine the treaty. Canada will be working hard to convince other states that they will be more secure if the world is free of the threat of CW than they will be if they hang on to the CW option.

In the mid-1980s, concerned about the spread of CW, Canada joined with a number of other countries in the so-called "Australia Group" to place strict controls on the export of legitimate chemicals and certain legitimate equipment that could be diverted to make CW. These controls will stay in place to help ensure that Canadian exports are not contributing to the production or acquisition of CW by other countries.

<sup>1</sup>O.S. Watkins in the *Methodist Reporter*, cited in Valerie Adams, *Chemical Warfare, Chemical Disarmament* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1990), p. 25.



Canada is a leader in research in gas mask technology and other defences against chemical weapons.

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## Forecast

*Arms control and disarmament activities involving Canada, January through April 1993.*

**Ongoing:** CSCE Forum for Security Cooperation, Vienna

**Ongoing:** CFE Joint Consultative Group, Vienna

**Ongoing:** Open Skies Consultative Commission, Vienna

**January 13:** CWC signing ceremony, Paris

**January 18-20:** Conference on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in Latin America and the Caribbean (co-sponsored by Canada), Asuncion, Paraguay

**January 18 - March 26:** CD in session, Geneva

**January 27-29:** ENMOD seminar, Geneva

**February:** Middle East Working Group on Arms Control and Regional Security, Washington

**February 8-12:** CWC Preparatory Committee, The Hague

**March 8-11:** MTCR experts meeting, Canberra

**March 8-12:** Resumed session of UNGA First Committee, New York

**March 21-24:** North Pacific Cooperative Security Dialogue Conference, Vancouver

**April 19-23:** CWC Preparatory Committee, The Hague

**April 19 - May 10:** UNDC, New York

## Acronyms

BTWC — Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention

CCE — Consultative Committee of Experts

CD — Conference on Disarmament

CFE — Conventional Armed Forces in Europe

CIIPS — Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security

C(S)BM — confidence- (and security-) building measure

CSCE — Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

CTB(T) — comprehensive test ban (treaty)

CW — chemical weapons

CWC — Chemical Weapons Convention

EAITC — External Affairs and International Trade Canada

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

FSC — Forum for Security Cooperation

GSE — Group of Scientific Experts

IAEA — International Atomic Energy Agency

MTCR — Missile Technology Control Regime

NGO — non-governmental organization

NPCSD — North Pacific Cooperative Security Dialogue

NPT — Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

OAS — Organization of American States  
ODA — (UN) Office for Disarmament Affairs

OSCC — Open Skies Consultative Commission

SAR — synthetic aperture radar

SSEA — Secretary of State for External Affairs

START — Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

TLE — treaty-limited equipment

UNDC — UN Disarmament Commission

UNGA — UN General Assembly

UNSCOM — UN Special Commission (on Iraq)

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