

Canada looks upon the conference as an opportunity to undertake a practical, in-depth examination of the questions raised in the disarmament/development relationship. For example;

- what resources are presently devoted to armaments;
- how has this spending affected development;
- what resources might be diverted from military spending;
- what would be the possible problems, costs and benefits of this diversion.

As well, Canada believes that the approach to the discussion must be a global one -- encompassing developing and developed countries, nuclear and conventional disarmament -- keeping security, in its broadest definition, as the touch-stone.

The raising of world-consciousness and recognition of the importance of the disarmament/development relationship during this, the International Year of Peace, will mark an important step in the right direction toward creating a peaceful world.

Canada is well placed to assist the international community in its first full and open discussion of the relationship between disarmament and development. As a developed country with a tradition of deep involvement with the developing world and as an active participant in all the multilateral arms control and disarmament forums, Canada will bring special expertise and sensitivities to the discussions.

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In addition to Canada's diverse ongoing work for peace, we will be undertaking a programme of activities designed to highlight the themes of International Year of Peace and to engage Canadians across the country in this special international year.

Canada's programme of activities will include:

- support of the U.N.'s International Year of Peace activities through a \$10,000 contribution to the IYP Voluntary Trust Fund which forms part of our overall \$100,000 commitment to the objectives of the U.N.'s World Disarmament Campaign.
- a cross-Canada tour and regional meetings of the Consultative Group on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs by the Ambassador for Disarmament on the dual themes of IYP and the question of the relationship between disarmament and development;