

- maintenance and strengthening of the nuclear non-proliferation regime;
- negotiation of a global chemical weapons ban;
- support for a comprehensive test ban treaty;
- prevention of an arms race in outer space; and
- the building of confidence sufficient to facilitate the reduction of conventional military forces in Europe and elsewhere.

(SEE ALSO CANADIAN ROLE, CHEMICAL WEAPONS, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTBT), CONFIDENCE BUILDING, NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) AND STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES-1986)

OUTER SPACE

Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, (Departmental of External Affairs Workshop on Outer Space and Arms Control, Ottawa, May 15, 1987)

I think it is fair to say that Canada has been second to none in making substantive contributions to the deliberations of the Conference on Disarmament (CD) on this subject. We have sought to expand the existing pool of knowledge in this area through the preparation of three working papers on the outer space issue that have been tabled in the CD. These deal with the stabilizing and destabilizing characteristics of arms control agreements in outer space; with international law relevant to arms control in outer space; and with technology relevant to outer space. These papers are not meant to reflect a particularly Canadian Government viewpoint but rather to build upon the pool of information in this area and to outline the issues in a comprehensive fashion.

Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, (Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, July 26, 1988)

It is clear that the multilateral dimension of arms control in outer space is gaining increasing importance and will continue to do so. This is as it should be. Given 1) the potential for an arms race in outer space, 2) the increase in the number of countries with significant interests and capabilities in space and 3) the continuing growth in space activities, the Canadian government believes that it is appropriate that this dimension should take on and, indeed, that it must take on increasing significance.

(SEE ALSO OBJECTIVES)