

Within Canada, the Government will further seek to enhance the public discussion of these issues. The Government has undertaken a significant programme to mark the International Year of Peace (IYP). This programme included a contribution to the IYP Voluntary Trust Fund of the United Nations, a cross-Canada tour by the Ambassador for Disarmament, Mr. Douglas Roche, the issuing of a commemorative IYP book featuring essays on the themes of peace, a national essay/poster competition on the IYP, and the issuing of a commemorative gold coin by the Royal Canadian Mint and a commemorative stamp by Canada Post Corporation. Funding was also made available to non-governmental organizations and concerned individuals to discuss, research and disseminate information in this area through the Disarmament Fund. The Disarmament Fund also assisted a meeting of the non-governmental Consultative Group on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs in Ottawa from October 2-4. The Consultative Group meets regularly with the Ambassador for Disarmament and with Departmental officials to exchange views on arms control and disarmament questions. The Government's Disarmament Bulletin will also continue to serve an important information role both in Canada and internationally.

Canada will again contribute this year to the objectives of the UN World Disarmament Campaign through a contribution of \$50,000. Canada has previously contributed \$300,000. to the Campaign, making up more than one-quarter of the total convertible pledges made by UN Member States to the Campaign.

While we are encouraged by recent developments we do recognize that much work lies ahead. Forward progress in this area will continue to be a matter of highest priority for the Canadian Government.