

- Information exchanges are now subject to an "evaluation visit" to ensure that the information provided was correct. One visit for every sixty military units is permitted, up to a maximum of fifteen.
- A network of direct communications between the states will be established to facilitate the transmission of messages relating to the agreement and to act as a supplement to diplomatic channels.

CURRENT CANADIAN POSITION

Canada has been an active participant in the negotiations on CSBMs and is very supportive of the new agreement. Canada used its expertise in verification and communications to play an important role in developing provisions of the agreement relating to those questions.

At the 45th Session of the General Assembly, Canada co-sponsored three resolutions on CSBMs. All three resolutions were passed by the General Assembly without a vote. Resolution 45/58I, co-sponsored with France, called upon states to evaluate the success of the negotiations on CSBMs in Europe. Resolution 45/58M, co-sponsored with Belgium, called upon states to consider the value of CSBMs. Resolution 45/62F, co-sponsored with Germany commended the guidelines on types of CSBMs established earlier in the year by the UN Disarmament Commission.

In speaking to the UN First Committee, Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament, Peggy Mason, spoke of Canada's support for CSBMs and indicated that Canada believed CSBMs should be encouraged on other areas of tension.⁴

PARLIAMENTARY COMMENT

The Standing Committee on National Defence held hearings during November and December 1990 on Canada's role in confidence-building and verification in Europe.⁵ During Ambassador Mason's testimony, discussion focussed on the role of CBMs at the UN and at the CSCE.⁶

⁴Ambassador P. Mason. "Canadian Statement to First Committee," *The Disarmament Bulletin*, no. 15, Winter 1990/91: 17.

⁵See: Standing Committee on National Defence and Veteran Affairs. *Minutes of Proceedings*, no. 30-35, 1990.

⁶Standing Committee on National Defence and Veteran Affairs. *Minutes of Proceedings*, no. 35, 13 December 1990.