

Question 2: A) Are you willing to take steps to ensure that the development, possession, storage and employment of mass-destruction weapons including nuclear weapons, which threaten to destroy the very conditions necessary for life on this earth, are forbidden in your country?

B) - if all other members of the United Nations undertake to do the same?

Answer: A) You should be aware first of all that Canada does not possess nuclear weapons, nor are such weapons stationed on Canadian territory. However, Canada participates fully in NATO, a defence alliance which deploys a nuclear deterrent. Canada has contributed to the modernization of the NATO deterrent, in the face of a continuous Soviet modernization of its strategic nuclear forces, by agreeing to the testing in Canada of unarmed U.S. air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs). The Government decided to allow the United States to test the guidance system of ALCMs in Canada because it was concerned that this particular missile was an important element in the modernization of the Western deterrent which had become increasingly obsolescent due to improvements in Soviet offensive and defensive nuclear systems.

B) The Canadian position would be that should all members of the UN, including Canada's NATO allies and members of the Warsaw Pact, make demonstrable and verifiable commitments to undertake such actions, Canada would do the same.

Question 3: A) Are you willing to take steps to prevent your country from allowing the supply of military equipment and weapons technology to other countries?

B) - if all other members of the United Nations undertake to do the same?

Answer: A) Most smaller countries do not maintain comprehensive and extensive defence industrial capabilities capable of providing the full range of equipment essential to meet their legitimate defence needs. Canada, for one, must procure many items of military equipment overseas in order to maintain a modern and adequate defence capability. A complete ban on the sale of defence equipment and technology would hinder the ability of smaller countries to maintain effective security capabilities. Furthermore, it could well encourage many countries to devote a disproportionate