

E4. What are Canada's other disarmament initiatives?

Canada has worked strenuously to promote and reinforce efforts which contribute to constraining the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems. Canada was one of the most active countries in the process of extending and strengthening the NPT. Indeed, the concept of "enhanced reviews" was a Canadian creation, and we co-authored the Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, which forms an integral part of the agreement. We have championed the ratification, entry-into-force & effective implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention; the strengthening of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC); and partnership with like-minded countries to contain the proliferation of the ballistic missile systems necessary to deliver these weapons (MTCR).

Canada continues to call for and support efforts for: universal adherence to the NPT; the earliest possible entry-into-force of the CTBT; and negotiations of a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive purposes (FMCT). Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations for Disarmament was recently appointed Chairman of the Committee established to begin negotiating an FMCT.