

two basic objectives at the forthcoming Review Conference:

- a) the maintenance of the NPT as the basic element of an effective international non-proliferation régime and,
- b) the reaffirmation by the Review Conference of the purpose and provision of the NPT.

Specifically, Canadian goals on the disarmament side will be:

- (i) to ensure that the debate on Article VI issues contributes in a positive manner to the overall objectives of the NPT and does not degenerate into an acrimonious debate between the NNA and the nuclear weapon states;
- (ii) to reconfirm the need for nuclear weapons states, and particularly the United States and the Soviet Union, to negotiate in good faith toward the adoption of effective measures to achieve a cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and a reduction in nuclear arms;
- (iii) to emphasize the importance of the NPT as a major contribution to international security;
- (iv) to reiterate Canada's strong sympathy for the concept of regional nuclear-weapon-free zones (NWFZ) as specified in the NPT where these are feasible and seem likely to contribute to stability; and,