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CANADA CONTRIBUTES FURTHER \$50,000 TO OBJECTIVES OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced a Canadian contribution of \$50,000 to the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign.

Mr. Clark said this contribution demonstrates the continuing support of the Canadian Government for the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign - to inform, to educate and to generate public understanding and support for the objectives of the United Nations in the field of arms limitation and disarmament.

This year's contribution is the fourth made by the Canadian Government to the World Disarmament Campaign since the Campaign was launched at the second United Nations Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSOD II) in 1982. The Government previously made three contributions of \$100,000 each to the Campaign. Mr. Clark pointed out that Canada's contributions constitute more than 25 percent of the total pledges made to the Campaign in convertible currencies by UN Member States.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that Canada will direct \$25,000 of its contribution to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in Geneva. UNIDIR is an autonomous institution within the United Nations framework that undertakes independent research on disarmament and related security issues. UNIDIR is funded from voluntary contributions from states, public and private organizations. Canada has previously contributed \$70,000 to UNIDIR through earlier World Disarmament Campaign contributions. The Canadian contribution will support UNIDIR's research into the verification issue which is central to current arms control and disarmament negotiations. Mr. Clark said that this is in keeping with the emphasis on the role of

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verification in the field of arms control and disarmament contained in the Canadian Programme of Action for the second half of the UN Disarmament Decade, outlined in his address to the UN General Assembly in September 1985.

Mr. Clark also announced that \$25,000 of the Canadian Government contribution would be directed towards all aspects of the production and distribution of the United Nations Disarmament Yearbook so that this useful reference document will be available to a larger audience. The Yearbook is prepared by the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs and serves both a specialized readership and those among the general public interested in activities at the multilateral arms control and disarmament forums. The Yearbook fills an important information role in the context of the World Disarmament Campaign.