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## CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today announced a Canadian contribution of \$100,000 to the objectives of the World Disarmament Campaign.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs said this contribution demonstrates the continuing support of the Government of Canada 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. The Government of Canada has made two previous contributions of \$100,000 each to the World Disarmament Campaign, in March 1983 and in October 1984.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that Canada will direct \$50,000 of its contribution to the United Nations Disarmament Yearbook. The Yearbook, prepared by the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs, is a reference document serving both a specialized readership and those among the general public interested in learning more about activities in the multilateral arms control and disarmament forums. It fulfills an important information role in the context of the World Disarmament Campaign. Canada's contribution is to be used towards all aspects of the production and distribution of the Yearbook so that this useful publication will be accessible to a larger audience.

Canada will direct \$40,000 of its contribution to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). UNIDIR, based in Geneva, is an autonomous institution within the United Nations framework that was established in 1980 and undertakes independent research on disarmament and related security issues. UNIDIR is funded

from voluntary contributions from states, public and private organizations. The Canadian contribution will facilitate research by UNIDIR into the verification issue in current arms control and disarmament negotiations. This is in keeping with the important role that verification has to play in this area and with the emphasis on verification in the Canadian Programme of Action for the second half of the United Nations Disarmament Decade announced by the Secretary of State for External Affairs in his address to the United Nations General Assembly on September 25, 1985.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that the remaining \$10,000 of the contribution would be directed to the International Year of Peace (IYP) Voluntary Trust Fund, to assist in the financing of activities undertaken by the United Nations during the IYP in 1986. The Secretary of State for External Affairs said this contribution would support IYP activities which are designed to mobilize the international community to work together to remove existing obstacles to peace and to take positive steps towards creating a safer and more peaceful world.