

REDUCING THE THREAT OF WEAPONS PROLIFERATION

Canada and the United States are steadfast allies. We work together through the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) to protect North America, and are partners in promoting global peace and security. When it comes to reducing the threat of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism, Canada is playing a leading role in the international community in close collaboration with the United States.



A HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP

At the 2002 G8 Kananaskis Summit in Canada, leaders launched the *Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction* to prevent terrorists and their hosts from acquiring or using weapons and materials of mass destruction. Today, Canada is a leader amongst the Global Partnership’s 31 members, contributing \$1 billion to mitigate threats posed by chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons and related materials. Canada is also committed to strengthening the rules-based international order by supporting international arms control regimes dealing with conventional weapons.



STRENGTHENING NUCLEAR AND RADIOLOGICAL SECURITY

To prevent nuclear or other radioactive materials from falling into the wrong hands, Canada has contributed over \$39 million to the International Atomic Energy Agency’s Nuclear Security Fund. This funding is used to upgrade security at facilities, ensure proper management of radioactive sources, and build the capacity of member states. Canada has contributed another \$20 million to help countries prevent and intercept the illicit trafficking of nuclear and other radioactive materials. And, since 2018, Canada has actively supported international efforts to increase the effectiveness of trade sanctions against North Korea in response to its nuclear weapons program, spending \$10 million in the region.

MITIGATING BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Canada leads efforts to strengthen collaboration between the security, public health, and animal health sectors to reduce the threat from biological weapons. We work with more than 20 countries to enhance biosafety and biosecurity protocols for deadly pathogens (like Anthrax and Ebola) and build greater capacities to prevent, detect, and respond to all manner of biological threats. In Nigeria and Sierra Leone, for example, Canada is helping to secure and destroy vulnerable samples of Ebola, which present both health and security threats.



REDUCING CHEMICAL THREATS

While more than 96% of the world’s declared chemical weapons stocks have been destroyed, chemical weapons have been used more frequently and recently than any other class of weapons of mass destruction. Canada was a leading supporter of efforts to destroy declared chemical arsenals in Russia, Libya, and Syria. Canada is a top contributor to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons’ efforts to pursue accountability for atrocities caused by chemical weapons. Since 2012, for example, Canada has provided over \$24 million to investigate and monitor chemical weapons use in Syria, and to eliminate its declared chemical weapons program.

*All dollar figures in U.S. dollars