

Approved statement from Cheryl Cruz, Deputy Director (Nuclear NACD Policy) of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Division of Global Affairs on Canadian nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament activities in the lead-up to the 2020 NPT Review Conference (RevCon)

Our government engages regularly with many countries, including Russia, on non-proliferation and disarmament issues and we are hard at work to try to find common ground in advance of the RevCon. Over the next two weeks alone, our officers will be at the Creating the Environment of Nuclear Disarmament working groups in the UK next week; we will be at the Senior Officials Meeting of the Stockholm ministerial stepping stones initiative the following week; and we are preparing for Canada's active participation at the Ministerial of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) in Japan on November 23rd. We are also investing a lot of funds and expert support into the regional outreach forums that are being held in Africa, Asia, and South America in preparation for the RevCon.

In short, Canada was certainly not a no-show in Moscow, and we will continue to be very active in the international community in the lead-up to RevCon (and beyond) in the non-proliferation and disarmament space.