

MISSILE DEFENSE AT A GLANCE

WEAPONS AND WAR OR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Under pressure from Washington, the Government of Canada is considering participation in U.S. Missile Defense.

MISSILE DEFENSE WILL:

PROVOKE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

U.S. Missile Defense responds to the danger of weapons by making more weapons. This will incite other countries to build up their arsenals and spark new conventional and nuclear arms races.

PUT WEAPONS IN SPACE

Missile Defense will base weapons in space. Components in development include space-based radars, space-based lasers, and space-based 'kinetic-kill vehicles'. For full details see www.fas.org/spp/military/docops/usspac/lrp/cover.htm

EXPAND U.S. MILITARISM

Missile Defense is designed to support the doctrine of preventive strike. For this and other reasons it is opposed by most countries, including many of our allies.

INCREASE MILITARY SPENDING

The total cost of Missile Defense is estimated to be between \$800 billion and \$1.2 trillion. For full details see www.armscontrolcenter.org/nmd/fullcost.pdf

THE ALTERNATIVE:

WORK FOR DISARMAMENT

By banning missile flight tests and using satellite technology to monitor the ban, we can stop missiles from being developed in the first place.

KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE

We rely on space technology for communications, commerce, agriculture, environmental protection, and more. By banning weapons from space, we can preserve space for these peaceful, constructive uses.

PURSUE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Through the United Nations and other international bodies, states can work together to establish a rules-based system of global governance that will enhance the security of all.

INVEST IN HUMAN SECURITY

Spending even a fraction of the Missile Defense budget on social programs, environmental protection, and international aid would greatly human security at home and abroad.

Canada has a choice: we can join U.S. Missile Defense, endangering global security and damaging our international reputation; or we can say no to Missile Defense and put our effort into peacebuilding and human security.

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