

The following letter was sent from the **Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs**, to express appreciation for "the support of such a well-known and respected organization in the arms control field."

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Dear Dr. Roche,

Thank you for your letter of March 21, 2000, expressing your concern about the implications of deployment by the United States of a national missile defence system.

I share many of your concerns and I appreciate the support of such a well-known and respected organization in the arms control field. I consider the ABM Treaty a cornerstone of strategic stability which is the basis for our security.

The Government of Canada has not yet taken a decision with respect to national missile defence. We are in close consultation with the U.S. and other concerned states on this matter. You may be assured that your views will be taken into account as we consider this important issue.

Thank you for writing and sharing your views on this issue.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Axworthy