

Bill #2
The Non-Violent Canada Act
Moved by: The Minister of Labour

WHEREAS Past Canadian national inclination towards peacekeeping has been a success on the world stage,⁴

WHEREAS Most Canadians oppose the sale of military goods,⁵

WHEREAS Canada's domestic defence is not primarily operated through the Canadian Armed Forces,⁶

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Purpose

1. The purpose of this act is to:
 - a. Establish ARMS with the mandate set out in clause (4);
 - b. Abolish the Canadian Armed Forces;
 - c. Ensure a fair transition for service members;
 - d. Ban the sale of lethal weapons by Canadians outside of Canadian markets.

Definitions

2. The following terms shall be defined for the purposes of this Act:
 - a. **Decommission**: Officially removed from active service or use.
 - b. **Military Goods**: Weapons and ammunition of strategic significance, military vehicles, military equipment, military supplies, military technology, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned items.
 - c. **Service member**: A person employed by the Canadian Armed Forces.
 - d. **Responsible party**: The person to whom a final decision lies, e.g., Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or the chairperson of a board/committee.
 - e. **Non-violent**: Duties that do not require the use of military force, aggression or violence.
 - f. **NORAD**: North American Aerospace Defence Command.

⁴ <http://www.peacemagazine.org/archive/v22n3p15.htm>

⁵ Majority of Canadians oppose selling military goods to countries with poor human rights records: poll – The Globe and Mail

⁶ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/operations/allies-partners/norad.html>

Establish ARMS

3. The Agency to Reconstruct Military Services [ARMS] is hereby established.

Mandate and Powers

4. The mandate of ARMS is to:
 - a. Eliminate Canada's participation in armed conflict through the abolition of the Canadian Armed Forces, and
 - b. Transition the non-violent duties of the Canadian Armed Forces indicated in clause (7) to the appropriate agencies within the Canadian government
5. ARMS is empowered to:
 - a. Oversee decommission processes,
 - b. Facilitate the diversion of non-violent programs to appropriate departments,
 - c. Oversee and maintain programs for which no obvious alternative exists, and
 - d. Administrate all appropriate support to service members.

Diversion of resources and responsibilities

6. Current service members and military resources will be transitioned, where applicable, to agencies within the Canadian government.
7. ARMS shall divert the following operations currently under the Canadian Armed Forces:
 - a. Emergency services and disaster relief,
 - b. Cyber security,
 - c. Fisheries support,
 - d. NORAD, and
 - e. Landmine removal initiatives.

Decommission processes

8. Any facilities not transferred for use under clause (6) shall be freely offered (in order descending) to:
 - a. First Nations, Inuit or Metis groups (determined according to lands designated by relevant treaties),
 - b. Municipal or provincial governments,
 - c. Registered charities or religious institutions.
9. ARMS shall catalogue and dispose of all weapons not designated for domestic defence.
10. Exempt weapons status shall be reevaluated by ARMS after a period of fifteen years.
 - a. Whenever reasonable, ARMS shall ensure that discarded materials are recycled or reused.

Service members

11. ARMS shall offer ongoing support to service members in the form of:
 - a. Meeting the conditions of outstanding contracts,
 - b. Transitioning service members to civil roles within government, or
 - c. Compensation equivalent to benefits owed.
12. Alternative provisions shall be set out by ARMS for youth seeking enlistment as a pathway to higher education or job training.

Ban the sale of military goods

13. ARMS shall ban the sale of any military goods made in Canada to any foreign person, government, agency or organisation.
 - a. 100% of proceeds of any sale shall be seized.
 - b. Responsible parties may face a minimum sentence of five years in prison.