

done through indigenous organizations is more effective, more economical and more credible.

Assist in Providing Appropriate and Credible Mediation Services

Canada has an important role in ensuring that there is good leadership in UN missions. For confidence to be established, special representatives and other key individuals in New York and on the ground need to be well qualified, of sufficient stature and amenable to the disputants themselves. It is incumbent on Canada to identify these individuals and make effective use of their skills and expertise.

Assist in the Provision of Technologies to Assist Verification and Control

Demobilization and cantonment can be extremely complex processes given that they involve the management of thousands of often transient individuals and enormous resources. The fingerprinting and photographing of soldiers alone can be a logistical challenge. Reliable and accurate information about respective military preparedness can be an important means to avoiding catastrophic miscalculations. The provision and maintenance of a centralized and computerized registration data base to overcome such management difficulties is another appropriate role for Canada.

Assist in the Provision of Communications Technologies

As discussed, the provision of two-way radios has been a low cost, low risk investment with large payoffs. This kind of initiative could be expanded to incorporate other reliable forms of communication such as cell phones and satellite technology to ensure that links between communities are in place when needed.

Facilitating, Assisting Logistics During Negotiations

Working through various NGOs on the ground, outside parties such as Canada can also focus attention on *facilitation*; bringing key groups and leaders together. This is not an inconsiderable task given the lack of transportation and infrastructure in many post-conflict societies. The quick dispersal of funds by the American Presbyterian Church through the NSCC in 1998, for example, was critical to delivering Sudanese elders to a planned reconciliation conference. Similarly, in Mali, a "lubricating fund" was essential in providing transportation, accommodation, provisions and fuel during the numerous civil society meetings of 1994. Again, the provision of relatively modest funds can be critical not only in rebuilding confidence but in keeping lines of communication open so that