

FIREARMS & SMALL ARMS finding the common ground

Goals of the workshop

This workshop was hosted by the *Centre collaborateur OMS du Québec pour la promotion de la sécurité et la prévention des traumatismes - « point focal » armes à feu* / The Québec WHO Collaborating Centre for Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention - « Focal Point » on Firearms .- in Canada, and the World Health Organisation (WHO), in Geneva.

It was held at the request and on behalf of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development at the Department of Foreign Affairs of Canada in Ottawa, for which we appreciate the support.

As this workshop benefited of the presence of experts from several countries attending the seminar on « Safety and Safety Promotion », we also appreciate the contribution of the *Direction de la Santé publique et le Service de Coopération Internationale du « Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux du Québec »*.

The purpose was to consult with a range of health experts on the Public Health aspects of Firearms and Small Arms in the context of foreign policy development.

The goal of this workshop is to discuss ideas and options on firearms & small arms issues for foreign policy thinking, development and formulation, in a Public Health perspective. The Public Health aspects and perspectives for the development of WHO's and Canadian Foreign Policy will be considered bearing in mind that the ultimate goal is to prevent - or at least control - firearms injury and death around the world.

More precisely the objectives were to :

1. Develop a perspective for « Firearms & Small Arms » as a Public Health problem ;
2. Define a comprehensive approach to the assessment and promotion of firearms & small arms injury and death prevention;

Identify roles for health care professionals in prevention of firearms and small arms injury and death.

Define key policy issues and identify options for Canada and the World Health Organisation(WHO).