

There was some discussion of the concerns and perceptions of youth as they looked to their own future involvement and role in the world. It was revealed that many young people were discouraged by the apparent inertia in the world which reflected a lack of "will for trust" between nations or "will for development." It was suggested by some young people that the world community was conducting its affairs with a lack of imagination. It was believed that youth should have a role and a seat in the consultative process as they had both practical ideas and inspiration to offer a stymied world. Above all, it was believed that nations needed to take some calculated risks for peace.

On the issue of disarmament and development, it was suggested that Canada consider the merits of conducting a conversion study which would involve industry, labour, government and military contractors in assessing how best to engage the talent and resources of Canadians in constructive, civilian enterprises. Canada was also encouraged to funnel more ODA through the NGO network as the best means of meeting the needs of the people. It was considered that, in the Third World, the enemy was oppression -- often political and always economic. Thus, while it was recognised that disarmament and development were indeed "parallel tracks," there was an irrefutable linkage between the two. Third World military spending and international debt were interrelated and unquestionably lead to underdevelopment -- thus the relationship between disarmament and development was clear.

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