

duplication must be avoided, and for this reason the creation of a mechanism similar to the OAU's would be inappropriate. The services of the ACCT should be supported by a specific instrument for analysing and preventing conflict in Africa. This might take the form of an observation post, as mentioned on the eve of the Mauritius Summit.

j) Other proposals were raised in view of the failure of la Francophonie's initiatives to meet the needs of Africa. New institutional facilities are required. With this in mind, a ministerial committee could be formed to support initiatives and provide political impetus. The AIPLF could also have parliamentarians intervene more frequently. Finally, requirements for flexibility, mobility and rapidity should give substance to the instruments of la Francophonie, by way of what might be called a "peace facility."

k) Other even more functional initiatives might include taking steps to reduce military expenditures and re-allocate the funds to development, clearing land mines in the countries of la Francophonie, and controlling arms trafficking.