

REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON  
SMALL ARMS AND THE OAS

April 28, 2000  
Ottawa

On April 28, 2000, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, in partnership with the Non-proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division and the Inter-American Division of the Department of External Affairs, organized a roundtable on small arms and the OAS. The roundtable was held in Ottawa, Ontario. Participants included: Steve Lee (Chair, University of Waterloo), Peggy Mason (Council for Peace and Security, York University), Benoit Wadgass (Canadian Permanent Mission to the OAS), Gaillard (Non-proliferation, Arms Control and Disarmament Division, ICAF), Yvon Dandurand (International Centre for Criminal Law and Justice Reform, Edward Lawrence and William Goddard (Monterey Institute) joined the roundtable by phone.

**REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON  
SMALL ARMS AND THE OAS**

April 28, 2000  
Ottawa

1. Framing the Discussion

Steve Lee, Chair, opened the discussion by welcoming everybody and setting the goal of the roundtable. He said that small arms is an important part of the human security agenda in the Hemisphere and a critical area for OAS attention. Canada could have an opportunity for leadership on small arms issues at the OAS General Assembly in Winnipeg (June 4-6, 2000) and the Quebec City Declaration. The roundtable was organized to contribute to the development of Canada's overall policy on small arms and to the OAS.

Yvon Dandurand said that there has been a lot of discussion on small arms in the Hemisphere. He pointed out that the proliferation of small arms is not only a security issue, but impacts human security, social stability and aggressive marketing of small arms. He also mentioned the connection between small arms and illicit trade in small arms. While some parts of the small arms market is controlled by the OAS member states, attention is almost exclusively paid to illicit trade. Moreover, many small arms traded legally between states end up being used in cases of human rights.

Dept. of External Affairs  
Min. des Affaires extérieures  
  
OCT 27 2000  
  
RETURN TO DEPARTMENTAL LIBRARY  
RETOURNER A LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE DU MINISTÈRE

59833994