

Mandate Statement

On August 12, 1997, the University of Toronto G7 Research Group was commissioned by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development to provide a study on G7 Summit compliance. The project had two central purposes. The first was to examine the compliance records of the G7 member states with their Summit commitments, with particular emphasis on areas central to Canadian foreign policy, including the environment and development, human rights (child labour), nuclear safety and weapons proliferation (landmines). The second purpose was to address why the leaders either do or do not comply with their Summit commitments. Addressing this second question pointed to factors that contribute to compliance as well as to those that explain compliance failure.

These explanations provide a foundation for determining ways in which Canada might use the Birmingham Summit and the G7 Summit process as a whole to improve Summit compliance and thus advance Canada's foreign policy priorities.

To fill this mandate and our objectives, we are pleased to submit the following document in fulfilment of our commitment to the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development.