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## REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON EXPERT DEPLOYMENT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE OPERATIONS

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On September 12, 2000, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development brought together NGOs, government officials, experts and practitioners to discuss how to broaden the range of resources and professional expertise involved in peace support operations. The roundtable focused particularly on three sectors: human rights, women and child protection. Participants included: **REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON  
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#### I. Summary of Key Recommendations

- In order to facilitate the involvement in peace-support operations and peacebuilding of Canadian judges (and the judicial/legal community in general), public servants, and other Canadians, systemic barriers to their participation should be examined. Participants were especially concerned about an age limit imposed by the UN, barring people over 63 years of age from participating in peace-support operations. Some recommended that immediate steps should be taken by the Canadian government to address this issue.
- An enabling environment for civil servants (and others) wishing to contribute to Canadian peace-support operations should be created. Outreach will be important to foster willingness to contribute for those inside and outside the government.
- There are vast resources in Canada from which to draw expertise in areas of child protection, disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration. Other areas of expertise could include capacity before elections. Some pointed out that rather than electoral monitoring, which accomplishes little in the long-run, Canada could facilitate power sharing negotiations between conflicting parties standing for election.
- Issues and recommendations related to the overall governance of peace support operations were discussed at length, including:
  - Developing rosters
  - Management of candidates at home

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