

The group stressed the importance of consistency in support for child-centred initiatives. This generation needed to establish the basis for long-term policies through education and other avenues. Members dwelt on the need to incorporate youth in negotiations, not just treat them as listeners; this would underpin inter-generational and inter-ethnic dialogue.

More emphasis needs to be placed on education to create greater awareness of, and support for, "war-affected children". Official Development Assistance (ODA) in education and health should be increased.

Children in prisons needed greater attention, particularly in obtaining adequate legal counsel and provisions to meet their needs.

Canadians should receive more information on the important work Canada is doing in connection with war-affected children.

The group strongly opposed any naming and shaming activity which was outside the "journalistic" process, where it could be an important way of raising awareness on a number of issues.

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Control of SALW is not simply a matter of arms control. It is a matter of human rights and the problem of illicit trafficking undertaken by states. There is a need for a more comprehensive approach.

Group Recommendations:

- (1) Civil society must be forthright in criticizing those who are identified wherever justifiable.
- (2) Call for leaders to lead by agreeing on principles and standards on which to build a basis of respect for human rights. Like-minded governments should stop supporting those who are identified wherever justifiable.
- (3) Call for greater parliamentary oversight and accountability in the 2007 conference process.
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