

40 projects have received funding. They include peacebuilding activities in Guatemala, the Great Lakes region of Africa, the Middle East, Mozambique, Southern Africa, Cambodia, Bosnia, Haiti and the Horn of Africa. Projects funded range from support for the investigation of human rights violations, public education on conflict resolution techniques, arms collection and destruction and voter education.

Funding has also been made available for projects more global in nature and administered by the Office of the High Representative, other United Nations (UN) institutions and the L.B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Centre. The Fund supported the UN Trust Fund for Preventive Action which allows the UN Secretary-General to send mediation missions to regions of fast-emerging conflicts, the holding of Seminars on the Reintegration of Former

Combatants and funding for delegates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to participate in the preparatory meetings for the establishment of the International Criminal Court in July 1998.

A list and a brief description of all the projects supported by the Fund can be found in Annex "A" of this document.

The Canadian Peacebuilding Program

The purpose of the Peacebuilding Program, which is administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs, is to support the Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative in areas which fall outside the priorities of the Peacebuilding Fund. The Canadian Peacebuilding Program has three strategic objectives:

- a) to build Canadian domestic capacity for peacebuilding through research, policy development, public consultations and training;

- b) to strengthen multilateral peacebuilding mechanisms; and
- c) to support catalytic peacebuilding projects in countries, or in policy areas, that fall outside the priorities for Canadian Official Development Assistance (ODA).

Activities supported by the Program include research and workshops which directly contribute to policy development in priority areas; exchange of lessons learned in the Canadian NGO peacebuilding community; development of new international peacebuilding networks that bring together donors, NGOs and international organizations; and initiatives aimed at promoting peacebuilding in countries not eligible for Canadian ODA.

Examples of projects which have received funding include support for the Child Soldiers Coalition, funding for the Canadian Resource Bank of Human Rights and Democracy Experts (CANADEM), support for an international seminar on Strengthening Regional Institutions and the United Nations for Conflict Prevention, and support for bi-communal conflict resolution activities involving Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

Annex "B" contains a description of all the initiatives undertaken in the context of the Peacebuilding Program.

