

- *a sub-regional initiative for military training in child rights and protection*: Save the Children Sweden, with Canadian financial support, will be training instructors in national armed forces on a country-by-country basis within West Africa (\$52 000);
- *youth engagement*: on the ground, we will help Talking Drum Studios, an NGO with a great deal of experience in Liberia, to launch a radio training and capacity-building media project with young people and adults in Sierra Leone (\$100 000).

At the political level, I will ensure that Canada takes elements of this agenda to the Security Council, the G-8, and the Human Security Network.

Canada will continue to convene meetings with the international community to discuss follow-up and implementation, both locally and in capitals.

It is my hope that this conference has set a standard for future conferences on war-affected children.

As many of you know, Canada will be hosting an international conference on war-affected children in September. It will feed recommendations made here and in Canada to the Special Session on Children in 2001.

We must all collaborate to carry this agenda forward, so that we do not fail the children of West Africa again. We must restore a sense of hope to them and their families and ensure that each of them has a long, productive and secure life.

Thank you.