

REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE "JUST WAR AND GENOCIDE"

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In the first week of December, a group of prominent scholars and practitioners met in Ottawa to discuss a collection of papers on Just War and Genocide. The meeting, hosted by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, provided the authors an opportunity to share views with peers before preparing final drafts of papers for circulation to policy makers, the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (ICISS), and others. The papers will also be published in a volume by McMillan at the end of 2001. The project, initiated by the Foundation for International Security (United Kingdom) four years ago, aims to outline a moral and legal framework for state intervention and evaluate possible responses available to the international community in the face of a genocide. The following is a thematic synopsis of key points made during the two-day discussion.

List of Presented Papers

- Stan Windass, *Just War and Human Rights*
- Barbara Harff and Ted Robert Gurr, *Genocide and Politicide in Global Perspective: The Historical Record and Future Risks*
- Satish Nambiar, *The Military Dilemma: Lessons From Experience* (Presented by Stan Windass)
- Steven Haines, *Genocide, Humanitarian Intervention and International Law*
- Tim Laurence, *Humanitarian Assistance and Peacekeeping: Future Roles, Future Prospects*
- Saul Mendlovitz and John Fousek, *A UN Constabulary To Enforce the Law and Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*
- Brian Urquhart, *The United Nations: A Problem fo Authority* (Presented by Stan Windass)
- Jonathan Dean, *A Strategy for Ending War*

Just War as a Moral and Legal Framework for Humanitarian Interventions

Stan Windass outlined the traditions of just war and nonviolence in Western thought and assessed their impact on the idea and the practice of the United Nations. He said that although the foundation of the Security Council was essentially rooted in the just war tradition, the onset of