

interests in perpetuating war and misery.

5. Conclusions

In conclusion, it was said that the complexity of the issues and the middle power status of Canada demand humility. Canadian initiatives should, therefore, be relatively small and focussed. Canada should utilise its reputation abroad as a neutral broker. Sudan is a classic example of human insecurity and therefore a compelling reason for Canadian engagement. As an agent, Canada could create/broker safe fora for negotiations, while drawing on the expertise of CIDA in peacebuilding. Canada could make large contributions to issues including: self-determination, resources (i.e., water and oil), coexistence (i.e., multiculturalism and types of federalism) and others. Canada could use its seat at the UN Security Council, membership in the IPF, and other Track I ½ initiatives. Challenges remain in communicating with the media and the public about Canada's role. Discussions are ongoing in other fora on issues such as, for instance: donor coherence, questions surrounding Talisman (including, compliance, monitoring, and rehabilitation), resource exploitation, and the role of Canada in the peace process.

A call to build on the roundtable and create a rigorous discussion on policy making toward Sudan, involving key government departments and NGOs, before devising initiatives and policy options was made. Canadian actors and their core interests and resources should be identified. There should be an awareness of the changing context in Sudan and a well managed process mapped out before acting. A close analysis of the internal dynamics of the conflict is also indispensable. The role of Churches should be looked at and the insight and experience of Sudanese Canadians, including those coming from North Sudan, drawn on. A professional resource group could be set up to look at conflict resolution from the development point of view, possibly under the auspices of Senator Wilson. In the short term, there will be a small roundtable with NGOs this month in Calgary (March 28, 2000) and in Ottawa (March 30 – April 1, 2000). The next enlarged meeting of the Task Force will be on March 31st, 2000, in Ottawa.