

Preface

One of the purposes of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security is to encourage research into new approaches to global peace and security. With this aim in view, the Institute joined with the International Peace Academy of New York to explore the question of the future security of the small, independent states in the Caribbean region. The project was inspired by the findings of the Commonwealth report, **Vulnerability, Small States in the Global Society**, published in 1985, and was designed to take the study a stage further by focussing on the region in which the majority of the small Commonwealth states are situated and where Canada has historic ties.

In order to do so, the Institute and the International Peace Academy sponsored a workshop with two institutes in the Caribbean, both part of the University of the West Indies: the Institute for Social and Economic Research, Jamaica, and the Institute of International Relations, Trinidad and Tobago. The workshop was held in Kingston, Jamaica, in March 1987, with some thirty participants (see Appendix I). The papers presented at the workshop are to be published in 1988 under the general editorship of Professor T. Shaw of Dalhousie University, Dr. E. Greene of ISER and Dr. A. Bryan of IIR.

In our deliberations we were confronted with varying perceptions of security; whether it should be defined in East-West terms or in North-South. We discovered a mix of views and concluded that in the Caribbean security was as much a matter of development as a reflection of the East-West conflict; and that the future of the Caribbean would rest on a successful resolution of both. The report of the workshop reflects these twin perspectives.

We wish to thank the Honourable Jeanette Grant-Woodham, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry, of Jamaica, and Professor Leslie R.B. Robinson, Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, who addressed the opening session of the workshop, as well as Dr. Edward Greene, Director of the ISER, who acted as host. The Minister's speech is contained in Appendix III of this report. We are particularly grateful to Lloyd Searwar, formerly of the Caricom Secretariat and presently at IIR, who prepared this report of our discussions, to which he was also a major contributor.

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