

Canadian Council for International Co-Operation

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) is a coalition of about 100 Canadian organizations who seek to change the course of human development in ways that favour social and economic equity, democratic participation, environmental integrity and respect for human rights. Established in 1968, the Council conducts research, disseminates information and creates learning opportunities for its members, coordinating their collective efforts to shape new models for world development, press for national and international policies that serve the global public interest and build a social movement for global citizenship in Canada.

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation seeks to end global poverty, and to promote social justice and human dignity for all. The Canadian Council for International Co-operation and its member's organizations are, therefore, committed to the principle that development should recognize the hazards of militarism and should promote peaceful solutions to violent conflict, whether internationally, nationally or locally. In addition, development is a global process that should link common interests and issues and build an international movement for change.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty*

Member agencies of the CCIC commit themselves to support the principles of the organization through their programs overseas and through the conduct of their Canadian operations, including public relations, fund-raising, public education and recruitment. CCIC aims to promote and mobilize greater Canadian participation in international development. The Council seeks to aid agencies in addressing the systematic causes of underdevelopment, reflecting the views of CCIC members and their Third World partners in development.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The CCIC represents the views and concerns of its members to the public at large and to the Government of Canada. To this end, it develops and advances policy positions on a variety of issues. CCIC builds its policy positions from the direct programming and policy experience of its members. In the case of small arms, the CCIC follows in particular the work of their member coalition, Project Ploughshares.