

humanitarian assistance, strengthening of the rule of law, and the circulation of information and data.

Workshop 3

Three principles for guiding the activities of la Francophonie:

- La Francophonie is a global organization; that is, it has more than a regional dimension.
- The concept of security must be understood in the broadest terms, from various viewpoints (political, socio-economic, cultural, etc.).
- War is not inevitable, but peace cannot be installed simply by decree. It is a result of the will of peoples and their commitment to democracy.

Three objectives for Francophone countries:

- Contribute toward securing peace between states and security within their boundaries, to facilitate development by consolidating the rule of law and democracy.
- Find specific niches so that action by la Francophonie complements rather than duplicates the work of existing agencies and mechanisms. While pursuing dialogue between its members on conflict prevention, la Francophonie must assist and support the OAU Mechanism within the framework of the convention between the ACCT and the OAU Secretary-General.
- Mobilize all government players and civil society to develop a culture of peace, taking into account the fact that co-operative efforts toward sustainable development are essential preconditions to the establishment of permanent internal and external security, and also recognizing that the budgets for co-operation within la Francophonie must be increased.

Three fields of action:

- Strengthen preventive diplomacy as performed by the Burundi mission.
- Use facilities for observation (CPF, parliamentarians, ACCT).
- Create networks of interchange and synergies within la Francophonie between the various geographical zones (OSCE, ASEAN, OAS, OAU, etc.).

Three conditions for action:

- Appropriate human resources
- Sufficient financing (foundations, solidarity fund, etc.)