

questions that will be implicitly asked and hopefully answered by the study.

The rest of the paper is divided into four sections. First, a short section on background and definitions will establish the parameters of discussion and provide the context for the study. Next, is a section devoted to the examination of the mandates of recent operations to determine how peacebuilding is faring in these missions and what trends can be identified for the future. The third section will build on the first two, reflecting on the progress that has been made, identifying the challenges that remain, and proposing some tentative recommendations for Canada, both in terms of what it can do at home and at the United Nations. The final section will draw some general conclusions.

An advisory about limitations. This paper is certainly not the first word on the subject of UN PSOs, nor is it intended to be the last. A far more detailed, thorough-going and intensive study would be required to do the subject complete justice. Time-limitations prevent that. Hopefully, though, this paper will give policymakers and interested observers pause to reflect about the nature of current PSOs and how Canada and the United Nations can best contribute to such complex undertakings, and perhaps move them to consider at least some of the recommendations made in the study.