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**NGO - Government Consultation on
the International Conference on War Affected Children**

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Summary of Morning Meeting with Government and NGOs

*Please note that for the morning session which was attended by both NGO and government representatives, notes were taken by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development. For the afternoon session, which was attended by only NGO representatives, notes were written by NGO representatives.

Government

- John Van Mossel has been hired as the NGO liason
- we need someone from the NGO community to work with the secretariat on the NGO fair, organizing events and logistics.
- Logistics, space availability at the Fort Garry, the conference centre, the forks, etc. What do NGOs want to do?
- Background on the International Conference:
 - This meeting has grown out of two agendas: child protection from CIDA and human security from DFAIT.
 - Minister Eggleton has also expressed interest in the meeting
 - "Winnipeg and Beyond" is good - this is only a small part of a large process
 - There was a regional meeting in Ghana on war affected children which the Secretariat will draw on for this international conference
- The major piece that the Secretariat is putting forth is the Draft Agenda:
 - ▶ the version presented will go out to other countries for comments (it has not yet)
 - ▶ the Secretariat has tried to:
 - make it child centric
 - make it advocacy, convention focussed
 - keep it committed to deeper knowledge (through better research we could make our own efforts
 - get community leaders speaking out against what is happening to children.
 - look to the world summit for children, which we hope will be a climax.
 - make the language accessible (to appeal to broad interests)