

commitment, and real expertise to the table on refugee programs.

A focus on the UNHCR would be logical for Canada.

ii. Canada should pay greater attention in the longer term to advancing the agendas of the functional agencies of the United Nations.

At the regional level, members concurred that Canada maintains a strong interest in peace and stability in Europe and that NATO remains an important institution to give Canada voice in Europe. Members nevertheless worried about the effectiveness of NATO's transition to its new mission of collective security, about its effectiveness as a peacekeeper in conjunction with the United Nations, and about the consequences of early enlargement of NATO's membership. Members also noted the growing importance to Canada of Asia and the Americas and recommended that:

iii. Canada should pay increasing attention to regional organizations in Asia through ASEAN and in the Americas through OAS and related inter-American institutions.

In the longer term, Canada should maximize its interests and its comparative advantage by leading in functional programs of regional organizations such as the promotion of democratization, the construction of responsible legal systems, and the advancement of good governance.

iv. "Civilian peace-keeping" should become a priority for Canada.

v. Canada should give increased recognition to the opportunities and pay-offs of "track-two" approaches outside the context of formal institutions.