

## Panels

*Causes of Conflict and Violence.* **Dr. Élisabeth Barot**, co-chair of the Group of 78, organizes conferences and consultations throughout Canada on human rights, the social sciences, and the status of women and youth as a program officer for the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Fluent in French, Spanish and English, Dr. Barot wrote on the birth of federalism in Spain for her PhD thesis from the University of Pau, France, and has a long career in university education and international development.

*The New Diplomacy: Peace Building.* **Janis Alton** is a member of the board of Voice of Women for Peace, Science for Peace, and the Group of 78. She is a long-time activist in the domestic and international peace movement, emphasizing the participation of women. **Ann Denholm Crosby** is an associate professor of political science at York University and author of *Dilemmas in Defence Decision-Making: Constructing Canada's Role in NORAD, 1958-96* (International Political Economy Series; MacMillan Press in Britain, St. Martin's Press in the United States).

## Discussion Groups

Each discussion group was assisted by resource persons with expertise in the subject under discussion. The moderators of each group were members of the G78. Brief biographical notes on the resource persons follow.

*Kosovo: Looking for a Way Out* **John Fraser**, a member of the Group of 78, was Canadian ambassador to Yugoslavia. **Michael Borish** is president of his own consulting firm, focusing on business and financial problems in developing, emerging, and transition markets since the late 1980s, including ex-communist countries in central and eastern Europe. The moderator was **John Graham**.

*Control of Small Arms: Applying the Lessons of the Crusade against Anti-personnel Land Mines* **Peggy Mason**, a lawyer by profession, succeeded Douglas Roche as Canadian ambassador for disarmament and is now advisor to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) on small arms and weapons control. She is also chairperson of the UN Group of Governmental Experts Study on brokering and related activities of the manufacture and trade of small arms and light weapons. The moderator was **Ken Williamson**.

*War-affected Children* **Senator Landon Pearson**, author of *Children of Glasnost*, which gave rare insight into growing up in the Soviet Union in a time of transition, is particularly remembered for her work as vice-chairperson of the Canadian Commission for the International Year of the Child and as editor of the Commission's report, *For Canada's Children: National Agenda for Action*, in 1979. She has been adviser on children's rights to the minister of foreign affairs. The moderator was **Samantha Nutt**.