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REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE
"WHAT CAN CANADA DO TO HELP?"

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The Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development organized a roundtable on Sudan on March 14, 2000, in Ottawa as an initial step of the Sudan Task Force. The roundtable brought together experts, academics, and practitioners to consider how Canada might best contribute to the Peace Process in Sudan. The roundtable was held in a room with bookshelves and books available to carry out these contributions. The roundtable was part of the ongoing work of the Task Force.

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Finalist: The Discussion

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The lack of a coherent framework mapping the conditions for reconciliation in Sudan was identified. A rigorous analysis of key actors and their interests was also said to be missing. As a result, a sketch of what such a framework could look like emerged in the course of the day's discussion. To gain a firm understanding of the conflict in Sudan and conditions necessary for peace to "break out" actors to the conflict should be identified, their interests laid bare and the mechanisms of reconciliation explored. There are three levels at which strategic action occurs: 1) state, 2) civil society/grass roots, and 3) the space in between. The framework should also identify ways to reconstruct the sense of violence and maintain the structures of peace.

- 1. The roundtable discussion followed roughly this outline and focused on:
- 1. outside state actors key to the Sudan conflict and their interests
- 2. outside strategic action on the civil society/grass roots level
- 3. mechanisms and tools Canada could utilize to assist in the Sudan

2. Context: The Role and Interests of Outside Actors

The outline state report revolved in the Sudan:

1) The Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD)

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