

remains the United Nations. They considered Canada's primary contribution to the United Nations to be its leadership and participation in peacekeeping. Despite concerns about the effectiveness of some recent peacekeeping operations, they recommended strongly that:

i. Canada play a leadership role in developing more effective and responsive peacekeeping mechanisms.

Members of the group commended the Government for its attempt to improve the UN's rapid reaction capability and urged that, in the immediate future, Canada reinforce this important initiative. They recommended as well that Canada sustain its interest in the reform of the Security Council as part of its larger effort to reform the UN system.

Canada pays its dues to the United Nations on time and in full. It is consequently well positioned to address the urgent problem of the financial solvency of the United Nations. Canada should take a leadership role in promoting improved systems of payment, accountability, and transparency at the United Nations. Participants underlined the urgency of these problems for the survival and sustainability of the United Nations.

The United Nations agencies have had substantial positive effects in improving global health, education, and prosperity and have consequently contributed to conflict prevention. The UNHCR, which is currently overwhelmed by the size and complexity of refugee flows, should be the object of special attention by Canada. Canada brings an excellent reputation, considerable