

III. PREFERRED COURSES OF ACTION

Workshop 1

In conflict prevention, the workshop members suggested that la Francophonie should place special importance on supporting initiatives that encourage the following, among other things:

Official development assistance

- Revising development assistance criteria to put greater stress on respect for human rights and on information exchange.
- Increased focus on investments devoted to socio-economic development rather than military expenditures.
- Converting or cancelling debts, and rethinking structural adjustment programs.
- Encouraging wider public participation, especially on the part of women and youth, in the planning and management of development programs.

Institutional development

- Strengthening the capabilities of institutions required for the orderly functioning of the rule of law, especially in the judiciary, communications, security and defence areas.
- Through educational systems, teaching the principles, laws and regulations concerning human rights; and training police forces, judges and military personnel.
- Strengthening the institutions of civil society, especially those promoting civic education and active participation by youth and women, in particular through revenue-generating programs.

Human rights

- Create a committee to prevent genocide with the mandate of setting forth the obligation of states in this area (in light of the Rwandan crisis). Examine the responsibility of states concerning genocide.

Security

- Co-operation between Francophone countries and their neighbours to support national and sub-regional initiatives seeking to curb arms trafficking and support demobilization and land mine clearance initiatives.