

nationality, religious and ethnic differences kept in check during the Cold War have now burst through the surface. Once the current situations in the former Yugoslavia and in Somalia are resolved, however that comes about, it is certain that United Nations resources will be required in many other areas of the world.

2. Definition of "Peacekeeping"

It was acknowledged that, until recently, the single term "peacekeeping" has served to cover a multiplicity of United Nations activities. However, the recent dramatic increase in the types and numbers of peacekeeping operations has given rise to the more frequent use of such terms as peacemaking, peacebuilding, peace-enforcement, peace-restoration and peace-establishment. There are those who hold that each of these terms ought to be defined precisely and related to a spectrum of action. Others, trying to avoid a definitional morass, believe that peacekeeping has such a positive reputation that it ought to be the only term used. The latter group use the illustration of a "peacekeeping umbrella," under which stand missions ranging from an observer type, through the classic interpositional model of Cyprus, all the way to operations such as those in the former Yugoslavia and Somalia. The umbrella also covers an expanding range of tasks, including those of an environmental, anti-crime or maritime nature.

Some participants expressed the need for a philosophical, intellectual and conceptual framework to be used in determining and refining future approaches. The "aggression-anarchy" spectrum could be a starting point.

3. Public Education

The seminar itself was a good indication of the wide range of Canadians -- individuals and organizations -- that ought to be involved in determining the future foreign policy direction of peacekeeping. Parliamentarians, non-governmental organizations, academics and research institutions all have a vital role to play.

While Canadians take great pride in our country's peacekeeping record, the details and extent of our participation are unknown to many. A comprehensive program of informational materials is needed. Canadians ought to be better informed of the peacekeeping activities carried out not only by the professional men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces, but also by humanitarian organizations, Elections Canada and the RCMP.

One participant described the project of an Arctic Council, bringing together eight Arctic countries. Such a council could be expected to further the discussion of strategic issues, particularly as these relate to the North.