



**REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE
CYPRUS: LIVING TOGETHER IN THE NEW CENTURY**

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Marking the tenth year anniversary of a major project by the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security (CIIPS), "Cyprus - Visions for the Future," the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development organised a roundtable "Cyprus: Living Together in the New Century," on February 14, 2000. The roundtable brought together a number of the CIIPS conference participants, conflict resolution/mediation and federalism experts, Members of Parliament, Canadians in Cyprus, members of the Turkish and Greek communities in Canada, as well as officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The roundtable addressed the history of Canada's interests, examined some of the challenges of living together and community building and signalled possible Canadian contributions. Initiated by Eleni Bakopanos, MP, the roundtable discussion benefited from the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lloyd Axworthy. We are grateful to Senator Lois Wilson for arranging the meeting room at the Senate of Canada.

1. Framing the Discussion

Steve Lee, Chair, opened the discussion by stating that the aim of the roundtable was to create a learning circle and to share ideas about possible Canadian contributions to human security and reconciliation in Cyprus. The objectives of the roundtable were:

- to reflect on developments since the CIIPS Conference a decade ago, including the recent post-earthquake diplomacy,
- to examine the changing international context (European Union, United Nations, and U.S Track II Diplomacy),
- to address psychological and institutional aspects of living together and community building,
- to think about possible Canadian contributions to reconciliation, and
- to consider the role and impact of civil society.

Steve Lee also drew attention to observations and recommendations from the 1989 CIIPS conference. They included: