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## SEMINAR AGENDA

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### DAY 1

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 1998

09:00 - 09:15 WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

*Mr. Gordon Smith*

Chairperson, International Development Research Centre

09:15 - 10:15 THE CHALLENGE OF CONFLICT PREVENTION

Presentations and discussion will centre on the character of late Twentieth Century conflict, the nature and potential of conflict prevention, and the prospects for cooperative approaches to the prevention of conflict.

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 12:30 LESSONS LEARNED FROM SUCCESSES AND FAILURES IN CONFLICT PREVENTION

The purpose of this session is to use concrete cases to highlight the factors that facilitate or constrain conflict prevention efforts. Each presenter will be asked to provide an assessment of their organization's notable successes and failures in conflict prevention and to identify their current challenges in preventing future conflicts.

#### *Questions for Discussion*

- a. What factors internal to the conflict tend to determine the likelihood of success or failure in conflict prevention (e.g. the number of parties to a conflict, or the balance of power between them)?
- b. What factors external to the conflict tend to determine the likelihood of success or failure conflict prevention (e.g. the balance of power among neighbouring states, the degree of interest from outside donors, the presence of significant expatriate communities with a stake in conflict)?
- c. What factors internal to the multilateral organizations themselves tend to determine the likelihood of success or failure in conflict prevention?
- d. Considering the cases of conflict prevention just presented, and with the benefit of hindsight, are there things which the regional or international community could have done that might have led to a better outcome?