

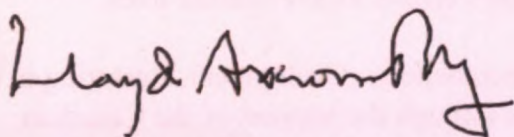
of our partners to build a new framework for the management of contemporary conflict, to help build a peaceful world where respect for human dignity will replace hatred, destruction and despair.

Our efforts under this Initiative build upon and reinforce our traditional commitment to the United Nations and to multilateral peacekeeping. Canada is fully engaged in international efforts to conduct peace support operations which integrate military peacekeeping, civilian police and the development aspects of peacebuilding. Canada will continue to promote an enhanced capacity of the United Nations to respond to crises rapidly, effectively and in an integrated manner.

New global treaties have also strengthened the international foundations for human security. The new International Criminal Court, which will pursue perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and the Ottawa Convention banning anti-personnel mines are two major developments in this regard.

Under the Canadian Peacebuilding Initiative, our contributions over the last 18 months in conflict-affected regions, such as Bosnia, Guatemala and the Horn of Africa, among others, are testimony that with the right approach and the co-operation of local partners, together we can help to build a more sustainable peace. This report documents some of the results we have achieved.

The international community has made significant progress in developing tools to prevent the recurrence of these destructive conflicts — conflicts which affect us all. We must continue to work together to build peace in all societies, peace today and peace for future generations.

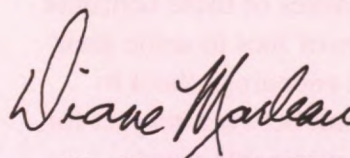


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institutions will allow people to carry on with their lives and contribute to the development of their society. Over the past few years, we have helped thousands of people rebuilding their lives and their societies in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and in Bosnia. Our greatest successes came when initiatives originated from the local people themselves. Take, for example, our support to the Goods for Guns project in El Salvador, where the business community has taken the first steps to reduce the number of small arms in their communities by offering coupons redeemable for consumer goods in exchange for weapons. In June and July alone, the project collected over 400 arms and thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Through the Canadian Peacebuilding Fund and through our regular programs, CIDA will continue to contribute to the construction and consolidation of peace. The challenge is enormous, but the task is too important and the human and financial costs of conflict too great, not to do our utmost to help people break the recurring cycles of violence.

Helping people help themselves, building sustainable development through sustainable peace, is our foremost concern. In the area of peacebuilding, CIDA's overall goal is to support the emergence of participatory and pluralistic societies, with a well-functioning and responsible government administration acting under the rule of law and respect for human rights. We will spare no effort to achieve this goal.



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