

conflicting rights can be expected to slowly overcome bureaucratic inertia and entrenched practices.

Thus, it is crucial for those committed to more effective conflict prevention to have the opportunity to discuss their evolving methodology and how it can best be adapted to overcome the remaining obstacles. It is hoped that this meeting will advance this dialogue.

### **PROMOTING MORE EFFECTIVE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE**

Finally, there is also a pressing need to develop more effective regional and international governance, including the creation of a fairer process which can offer greater access by all states to political and economic decision-making and participation in the international system. Among the reforms needed are: a more satisfactory international power-sharing arrangement; more equitable economic opportunity through macroeconomic reform; a reorientation of multilateral organizations to a more preventive approach; a more focused and integrative agenda, methodology and partnership for the creation of sustainable peace and sustainable development; the enhancement of regional capacity through the further development of regional organizations; the strengthening of capacity and effectiveness of IGO secretariats and foreign ministries, and the development of a vision of the possible.

Through such developments, good regional and international governance could mutually reinforce good national and local governance. Revitalized regional and international institutions could promote procedural and distributive justice within and between regions. Greater democratization and pluralism at the regional and international levels could go hand-in-hand with greater democratization and pluralism nationally and locally.

As the international community faces the many complex and difficult challenges of the next century, the member states of international organizations will need to work together more effectively than ever before. Increasing globalization and the accelerating rate of change will require more efficient multilateral decision-making and action, based on a wide international consensus about needs and priorities. In short, if major global problems are to be avoided, international organizations will have to become more effective instruments for achieving sustainable development and sustainable peace.