In order to place the Roundtable discussions in context, Section I of this report consists of brief examinations of the Contadora peace process and related initiatives; the costs of continuing conflict; Canadian policy toward the region; the meaning and significance of confidence-building measures (CBMs).

As in the preceding Roundtable on Negotiations for Peace in Central America, held 27-28 September 1985, participants were asked to respond to a set of questions circulated before the meetings.

Summaries of the proceedings form Section II of this report. These are presented thematically rather than following the actual sequence of the discussions. Participants are not identified in the text since the sessions were held *in camera*. It should be remembered that the Roundtable was held prior to the signing of the Guatemala Accord by the Central American heads of state.

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