

in advance of the next Consultation. Finally, an informal, perhaps virtual, working group on the teaching of human security could be created.

Kathy Vandergrift, representing the CPCC, noted several themes that emerged from the NGO side during the Consultations. Firstly, further work needs to be done in defining human security and in determining priorities for research, which is seen by NGOs as an important area for collaboration with academics by NGOs. There was also broad agreement on the importance of teaching human security and increasing the links between NGOs and the teaching community to do that effectively and also to reach out broadly into the community, to parents and children. Thirdly, it was apparent that peace and conflict in Africa will remain high on the agenda for many and that concepts in "The Responsibility to Protect" report hold potential for development by NGOs, particularly those involved in the CPCC's Working Groups. She concluded by saying that a short-term challenge for the NGO community was to ensure that human security and peacebuilding priorities are prominent in the foreign policy and defence reviews

David Viveash from DFAIT suggested several general areas for possible departmental follow-up. Firstly, working with the Human Security Network to export the Canadian-developed gender training initiative; in terms of the "The Responsibility to Protect", engage the Human Security Network countries as partners for further collaboration; third, refine the definitions on human security; fourth, engage the Human Security Network on small arms and light weapons issues; and finally, explore opportunities to establish mirror organizations or partnerships for NGOs, the academic communities and governments in Human Security Network countries.

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