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The Group of 78 sincerely thanks the speakers, panelists and resource persons who elaborated the theme of *Canada's Commitment to World Peace* and elicited lively and thoughtful responses from those attending the annual policy conference. Brief biographical notes are given in the introduction.

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Attendance at the conference was about 50 to 60, augmented by the joint dinner with Physicians for Global Survival. We would like to thank the many people, chiefly G78 members, who helped to organize and run the conference.

Ross Francis was chair of the conference, chair of the organizing committee, and also brought together the background papers. He was assisted in the preparation of the conference by Janis Alton, a member of the G78 board of directors. Past co-chair Marion Dewar presided in Ottawa, finding new accommodation for the conference at the Embassy West Hotel, when the usual venue at Econiche House in the Gatineau turned out not to be available. Past co-chair Tim Creery prepared the conference issue of *Newslink/InfoLien*, and past co-chair Debbie Grisdale assisted with the Ottawa arrangements.

Former executive secretary Aicha Bah, and during her month's absence, former executive secretary Dee Welch, carried the administrative burden, assisted by treasurer Nancy Drozd, who was also production editor for the newsletter.

Assisting Ross Francis, a number of G78 members kept the conference going as moderators of panels and discussion groups: Joanna Miller, John Graham, Ken Williamson, Samantha Nutt, and Debbie Grisdale.

The reporting of the conference was in the capable hands of Ann Young, with three assistant rapporteurs: Rob Judge, a PhD student in political science and teacher at Carleton University, and Kasia Borowska, and Renee Martyna, students at Carleton's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs. Ann Young was also editor of this report on the proceedings.

We are grateful to them all for making this year's conference a great success.

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