

Program should emphasize peacekeeping and peacebuilding skills when training troops from regional organizations. Participation by those troops at the Pearson Peacekeeping College should be encouraged and subsidized. We should encourage the United Nations to share its vast experience in peace support operations and the lessons learned from those operations with regional organizations through whatever means feasible. We should also ensure that the UN arrangements with regional organizations in PSOs respect Charter provisions and are run under UN imprimatur. Canada should share its knowledge and experience through institutions like the Commonwealth, the Francophonie and the OAS.

*Challenge 5: Neither financial nor human resources are infinite, though the number of possible peacebuilding tasks seems to be.*

Canada should concentrate on some critical, (dare I say it) niche tasks for which it has expertise. Civilian police, as mentioned above, is one. Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration is another. This is a critical aspect of any PSO and a determining factor in the long-term success of peacebuilding. Since Canada is making children and armed conflict a priority and child soldiers are an important aspect of that, focusing on DDR will double our investment. A focus on DDR also reemphasizes the importance of the continuous long-term view of peacebuilding during PSOs, since reintegration requires the participation of development agencies and banks. This focus will reinforce our emphasis on sustainability. In emphasizing this however, we need to pay due attention to civilians so that they do not perceive that the military, at whose hands they may have suffered, are disproportionately benefiting from their role.

*Challenge 6: If Canada is to continue to be engaged in PSOs and wants to ensure their effectiveness, a premium should be placed on intellectual contemplation, study, and long-term thinking*

Intellectually, Canada can take a number of initiatives. The first, and probably most important requirement, is for long-term and strategic thinking. Thinking about all the issues,