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As we take stock of the progress made in the development of the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security at the end of its fourth year, it is useful to remind ourselves of the purposes for which it was established.

When Parliament adopted, in 1984, the legislation establishing the Institute, it set out the mandate in the following terms:

“ . . . to increase knowledge and understanding of the issues relating to international peace and security from a Canadian perspective, with particular emphasis on arms control, defence and conflict resolution, and to

- (a) foster, fund and conduct research on matters relating to international peace and security;
- (b) promote scholarship in matters relating to international peace and security;
- (c) study and propose ideas and policies for the enhancement of international peace and security; and
- (d) collect and disseminate information on, and encourage public discussion of, issues of international peace and security . . .”

Message from the Chairman

The translation of this mandate into policies and a programme of action which makes the most effective use of available resources has been a continuing and demanding preoccupation of the Board and the Executive Director. Those resources are primarily the people with requisite skills and talents as well as the funds that enable them to get on with the job.

It is the hope of the Board that the accounting of the Executive Director for 1987/88, which follows, will receive the careful attention of all who read this report. While recognizing that there is much yet to be done, we believe that there is a solid record of accomplishments in each of the tasks assigned to the Institute, for which all who have participated can justifiably take satisfaction.

On behalf of the Board I wish to express our appreciation to the staff of the Institute for their enthusiasm, creativity, and devotion to the tasks assigned to them. I should like also to acknowledge the essential contributions of many others, including those in the universities, non-governmental organizations, departments of government, and in foreign institutions who have participated in Institute programmes.

On behalf of the Board I should also like to express appreciation to Dr. Norman Alcock, Dr. George Bell and Dr. Harriet Critchley, who completed their terms as members. They served on the Board since its inception and gave generously of their time, wisdom and experience.