

**"Women in Development:
Reflections on the Past and Challenges for the Future"
Conference, June 13 - 14, 1997**

Results of the Saturday afternoon brainstorming session

Group 1 (Hana Razga chair)

- Peacekeeping -- redirect spending towards
- Strengthening UN's role re: international conflicts
- Alternative means of conflict resolution (not wars)
- World debt
- Training of military personnel re: elimination of racism (Somalia affair)
- Peace education at home
- Power balance in UN
- Looking at other (appropriate) technologies
- Transfer of skills
- Regulations issues -- i.e., manufacturing components in Canada and assembly somewhere else
- Re-training military personnel into peace activities -- i.e., policing
- Land mine removal
- Environmental clean up
- Redirecting military research into peace research (clean water, solar power)

Group 2 (Tigist Dafla chair; Cheryl Mahaffy reporter)

- Reinststitute .07 of GDP to untied international aid
- Labour laws & foreign investments
 - fair wage
 - caps on hours of work
 - environmental studies required
 - age discrimination disallowed
 - laws against child labour including mandatory age
- Value for unpaid work
 - e.g., protection upon retirement or in case of disability
- Reject proposed multilateral trade agreement as means of using human labour to maximize multinational corporations; profits ... giving away the financial rule of the world
- Laws to protect migrant workers and refugees
- Understand our role in supporting multinationals through our lifestyles and buying habits; examine our principles and actions before dictating
- Our actions should not adversely affect people on the other side of the world