

CONCLUSION

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MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE; AS CONFLICTS ARISE SO, UNDOUBTEDLY, WILL REFUGEE CRISES. CANADA HAS CONCERNS ABOUT UNHCR'S CAPACITY TO BE CONTINUALLY EXTENDING ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS, SUCH AS THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED.

THE NEEDS OF THESE PERSONS MUST BE ADDRESSED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE ENCOURAGE THE UNHCR TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DHA, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE, IN FULFILLING THAT ORGANIZATION'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING AID TO THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED.

INCREASING--AND OFTEN COMPETING--DEMANDS ON FINITE RESOURCES ARE FORCING MY GOVERNMENT TO SEEK LESS EXPENSIVE, MORE FLEXIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE AND EFFICIENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS.

WE CAN ASK NO LESS OF THE UNHCR, WHICH IS ALSO FACED WITH A SIMILAR SITUATION. DIFFICULT DECISIONS MUST BE MADE IN TERMS OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES AND PERSONNEL ISSUES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING-UP WITH UNHCR ON THE STEPS WHICH THE OFFICE HAS TAKEN IN IMPLEMENTING A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE INSTITUTIONAL APPRAISAL FINANCED BY CANADA.

IN CLOSING, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE CANADA'S APPRECIATION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ROLE IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL CRISES AND IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD'S 19 MILLION REFUGEES AND TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP WITH HER OFFICE IN FULFILLING THIS HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOUR.

THANK YOU.