REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE: PRIVACY, SOVEREIGNTY AND TECHNOLOGY

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On March 23, 2001, the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, in partnership with the International Crime Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, organised a roundtable on Privacy, Sovereignty and Technology. Experts, NGOs, business representatives and government officials met to discuss the changing concepts of privacy and sovereignty and to examine efforts to protect privacy from potential abuses. Participants included Liss Jeffrey (University of Toronto), Ann Cavoukian (Ontario Information and Privacy Commission), Scott Martin (The Personalization Consortium), and Terry Cormier (Director, International Crime Division, DFAIT). Steven Lee (Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development, DFAIT) chaired the meeting.

The report is divided into two main sections:

- 1. Presentations
 - 1.1. Times and Technologies in Flux: Rethinking Identities, Sovereignty and the Networks of Nations
 - 1.2. New Threats to Privacy and Sovereignty
 - 1.3. Challenges for International Cooperation: How are Norms Created?
- 2. Discussion
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