

Security arrangements should be based on the principle of collective security as reflected in the UN Charter but should go beyond mutual defence undertakings to embrace cooperative security concepts providing for active dialogue on issues in the area to anticipate and prevent potential conflict situations. Cooperative security in the Gulf region could incorporate provision for pacific dispute settlement procedures. Although procedures for addressing the Iraq/Kuwait differences that preceded the Iraqi invasion existed or could have been created, a specific undertaking by the states of the region on means and procedures for peaceful dispute resolution would provide a surer way of resolving disputes without resort to armed conflict.

Cooperative security arrangements in the region will, of course, need to go beyond the notion of collective security and incorporate ways to develop multi-dimensional confidence and cooperation and the habit of dialogue - a concept on which Italy and others within the European Community have placed considerable emphasis. While the CSCE model cannot simply be transposed to the Gulf region, experience derived from that process might provide the basis for cooperative endeavours in the Gulf area. Joint efforts towards regional environmental protection and economic development are obvious fields for such joint action.

In general, Canada considers the development of democratic forms of government to be the best long term guarantee of stability and international cooperation. Any developments in this respect must come from within the countries concerned, bearing in mind their particular cultural and historical traditions and institutions.

THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE

No plan for regional security can hope to be durable if it does not include a determination to ensure sustained progress towards a just and lasting negotiated settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute in all its aspects, based on resolutions 242 and 338, including the right of all countries in the region to live within secure and recognized boundaries and the requirement for Israeli withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967. Canada also believes that for there to be a just peace, the legitimate rights of the Palestinians must be taken into account, including their right to self determination, to be exercised through peace negotiations.