

Second, outside intervention in Cambodia must end completely. In that context we welcome assurances that all Vietnamese forces will withdraw from Cambodia. What is also required however is that the Cambodian parties and other participants have confidence that this assurance will be completely honoured. We therefore strongly urge the putting in place of effective verification procedures that will reassure others on this point. Equally, outside military support to the Cambodian parties must also cease. This, too, must be verified to the satisfaction of all sides.

Third, there must under no circumstances be a repetition of the genocide and truly terrible abuses of human rights perpetrated in the name of ideology that devastated Cambodia between 1975 and 1979. Those ultimately responsible for ordering these abuses can never again be allowed to direct Cambodian affairs. The onus is upon their associates - indeed it is upon all parties - to show in whatever arrangements are agreed by Cambodian parties that they will cooperate in a new order in Cambodia where human rights are fully respected.

As a country with very extensive experience in truce supervision and peacekeeping, including nineteen years in Indochina, Canada has another central preoccupation. An international control mechanism will be a key element not only in a comprehensive agreement, but also in building confidence that it is honoured by all concerned. Our earlier experience in Indochina has taught us what will not work; our experience in over 20 peacekeeping operations elsewhere gives us an appreciation of what does make for success. The mechanism should enjoy the full support and cooperation of all parties, it should have a clear mandate including the necessary freedom of action and movement, it should be charged with reporting responsibilities to a recognized international authority, it should be established on a viable financial basis, and it should be of a limited duration.

These criteria are not technical niceties; they go to the very heart of the ability of the mission to carry out its mandate and are absolutely central to the progress of creating the trust and confidence which must underlie a successful settlement. If they are overlooked or set aside the result is likely to be an international control mechanism that will only compound the already severe difficulties the Cambodian Parties face in implementing a viable agreement.