

SECTION I

INTRODUCTION

The Jules Léger Seminar, which is associated with the Jules Léger Fellowship of the Policy Secretariat of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada, honours one of Canada's most distinguished former Governors-General and Ambassadors. This year, the seminar focused on the UN Security Council in the 1990's, a topic which seemed timely given the increasingly negative perceptions held in some quarters of the Council and its activities.

Chatham House Rules prevailed. This report thus contains no direct attributions to the participants. Nevertheless, the valuable contributions of the various panel chairs and members deserve to be recognized here: Maureen Appel Molot, Michael Doyle, Harald von Riekhoff, Paul Heinbecker, L. Yves Fortier, Louise Fréchette, Robert Fowler, Philippe Kirsch, Thomas Franck, Georg Nolte, David Wippman, Christine Lee, Gordon Smith, Janice Gross Stein and Diego Arria.

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This volume contains material relevant to the seminar, ranging from summaries of the panel discussions to a background paper circulated in advance in order to stimulate discussion. The summaries have been prepared by John Cockell and the background paper by Léger Fellow David Malone.

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