

4. The Yugoslav Dilemma

The discussion group was able to consider Bosnia but not the more current upsets in present-day Yugoslavia, more particularly the Kosovo region.

Although elections in Bosnia have not favoured the candidates backed by the West, the group considered that Western authorities have no alternative but to recognize the people's choices. Unconditional humanitarian aid should be provided.

There should be no let-up in the effort to apprehend war criminals and bring them to trial. Bosnians should take more responsibility for their elections, which have been largely conducted by the OSCE, and running their own affairs in general; but the SFOR (Sustaining Force), including the Canadian contingent, should remain in place to encourage stability.

More effective coordination is needed between the international organizations and the NGOs. One way and another, the situation in the Balkans illustrates the limits of soft power.