

tragic events of Srebrenica). The experience of the past decade in the Balkans, especially since NATO had become a central player there, demonstrated that a part of Europe that was once considered "out of area" for the Alliance had now emphatically come to be regarded as very much "in area."

Turning to the Alliance and 11 September, Dr. Leurdijk remarked that NATO invoked Article 5 only after receiving clear evidence of a linkage between external (to the US) terrorist groups and the attacks on Washington and New York; ironically, he observed, the support given to the US by the EU was more forthcoming, as well as less conditional, than that accorded by NATO.

#### Discussion:

- One should not underestimate the impact of the Prime Minister on Canada's propensity to be part of significant peace operations, for Jean Chrétien is very much an activist.
- Should Canadian military participation in Afghanistan even be conceptualized in terms of "peacekeeping," and is there a risk that sustaining its involvement there will mean that Canada, too, might consider ending its deployment in Bosnia?
- Apropos the comment immediately above, Ottawa accepts that Canadian participation in Operation Enduring Freedom means we are "in a state of armed conflict, we are at war" with the Taliban and al-Qaeda; thus we are not there in a peacekeeping role.
- As for Bosnia, the view from Ottawa is that we would like to reduce the size of our deployment, but we are not likely to announce any large-scale withdrawal by a specified date, and in this respect Canada's position on Bosnia differs from that of the US.
- Tony Blair may have stolen the Canadian terminology, given that Ottawa's announced doctrine on peace operations is "early-in, early-out," but the reality is "we don't have the capacity to be early, unless it happens a couple of miles outside of Petawawa"; sometimes we do leave early (e.g., Ethiopia, East Timor), but usually we are "end-staters".
- So, too, are the Dutch end-staters by preference, but regarding Bosnia they worry that a culture of dependency -- both economic and military -- has been fostered, and that this will militate against any solution ever being found.
- In Afghanistan, "ad hocery" governed where the Canadian Forces would be deployed; there was no deliberate choice to go with the US as opposed to ISAF and the Europeans.