

REPORT FROM THE ROUNDTABLE ON BURMA AND DRUGS

May 15, 2000

Vancouver, British Columbia

A roundtable organized by the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Southeast Asia Division, the International Crime Division) and Simon Fraser University was held in Vancouver, BC on May 15, 2000, to discuss Burma and the Drug Trade. The Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific, presided.

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Political scientists, law enforcement officials, foreign government officials, Canadian police, human rights activists, development and security experts, representatives of the Burmese government, and those with United Nations experience in Burma met for a roundtable at Simon Fraser University. The roundtable is the third in a series of roundtables on Burma.

The primary focus of the roundtable was to focus on Burma as a source of drugs and the impact of drug production and trafficking on both Canada and Southeast Asia: the political and economic situation in Burma, regional stability and security in Southeast Asia, the control of drugs, and the impact of drugs on Canada and the world. The following report is a summary of the key points discussed at the Burma and Drugs Roundtable.

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