in the region, not only between governments, there are significant obstacles that lie in the way of joint peace activism. The future of Canadian involvement in the Middle East will depend to a large extent on refining its administration of such programs as the CFDD and participating more closely with other international donors. While difficult to quantify, the programs underwritten by such concepts as human security and peacebuilding are essential for empowering civil society and generating grassroots support for the diplomatic process, without which peace in inter-ethnic conflict zones may be unattainable in the long-term.