

"Women in Development: Reflections on the Past and Challenges for the Future" Conference, June 13-14, 1997

Results of the Saturday afternoon brainstorming session

Group 1 (Hara Kazuo chair)

- Peacekeeping - redirect spending towards
- Strengthening UN's role re. international conflicts
- Alternative means of conflict resolution (not wars)
- World debt
- Training of military personnel re. elimination of racism (Sotaba affair)
- Peace education at home
- Power balance in UN
- Looking at other (appropriate) technologies
- Transfer of skills
- Regulations issues - i.e., manufacturing components in Canada and assembly somewhere else
- Re-training military personnel into peace activities - i.e., policing
- Land mine removal
- Environmental clean up
- Redirecting military research into peacetime research (clean water, solar power)

Group 2 (Doris Duffin chair, Cheryl Mahaffy reporter)

- Reallocate 0.7% of GDP to united international aid
- Labour laws & foreign investments
  - fair wage
  - cap on hours of work
  - environmental studies required
  - age discrimination disallowed
  - laws against child labour including mandatory age
- Value for unpaid work
  - e.g., protection upon retirement or in case of disability
- Reject proposed multilateral trade agreement as means of using human labour to maximize multinational corporations' profits - giving away the financial base of the world
- Laws to protect migrant workers and refugees
- Stand our role in supporting multinationals through our lifestyles (buying habits; evaluate our principles and actions before dictating laws that should not adversely affect people on the other side of the

