

CONCLUSIONS OF THE CHAIR

Consensus on basic principles

1. Peace and development go hand in hand.
2. Conflict prevention is essential, and la Francophonie must commit to it to avoid both terrible human tragedies as well as enormous costs at a time of resource scarcity. It must be recognized that funds spent on humanitarian assistance, conflict management and conflict resolution are funds not spent on development.
3. La Francophonie must not develop parallel conflict prevention mechanisms, and should support rather than compete with the Organization of African Unity.
4. La Francophonie must better define what can and should be its contribution to conflict prevention — that is, its value-added contribution.

Practical considerations

1. La Francophonie already does many things that are related to conflict prevention but have not always been regarded or perceived as such:
 - programs of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT)
 - to consolidate democracy
 - to promote the rule of law
 - to develop judicial systems
 - to train judges
 - to train journalists
 - activities of the International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians (AIPLF)
 - the key role played by parliamentarians, which could be further developed