

precisely reflect the type of country and aspect of the problem being targeted.

A Canadian initiative however, should not neglect the agent, i.e. small arms as a tool of abuse. It is not enough to attend only to the context in which the abuse takes place. A Canadian initiative should consider legitimate and illegitimate uses of the agent, given that the problem of small arms lies in their irregular and irresponsible use.

A Canadian initiative should concentrate on measures and policies that allow the problem of small arms to be managed and the damage created to be lessened.

A Canadian initiative should recognise the high degree of commitment required to deal with the issue.