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PREFACE

The International Security Research and Outreach Programme (ISROP) commissioned a contractor to produce the first directory of non-governmental expertise in Canada on small arms and light weapons. The directory should include a list on non-governmental organizations (NGOs), academics, researchers or individuals and provide a brief description on their expertise.

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The views expressed in this report are those of the author, and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade or the Government of Canada. For this first directory, all the data were collected before March 2002. Therefore, this directory describes the situation at that time and does not represent an exhaustive compilation of the Canadian expertise in small arms and light weapons.

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I-OVERVIEW OF CANADIAN EXPERTISE

The UN 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade on Small Arms in all its Aspects developed a consensus based Programme of Action to address the problem at the global, regional and national level. Since then, a number of studies and consultations have been undertaken to identify areas for follow up and priorities. The inventory which follows is an attempt to identify Canadian NGOs and researchers with expertise relevant to the continuing efforts to address the global problem of small arms.

Over recent years, the Government of Canada, Canadian researchers and Canadian NGOs have been at the forefront of efforts to reduce the proliferation and misuse of small arms. Canada has played a major role in the development of the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Convention Against the Illicit Production of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials (1997), the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (2000) or the UN 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and All its Aspects (2001).

Canadian researchers have led a wide range of studies and reports directly related to small arms. Not only have Canadian NGOs gained extensive experience in virtually every aspect where follow-up is required, Canadian NGOs have been actively engaged in the processes of education, advocacy and capacity building at all levels including the creation of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).

Several studies have been published which analyze the Programme of Action developed at the UN 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and All Its Aspects, and specific areas for follow up. These include reports by researchers,¹ NGOs² and results of regional consultations³. They vary in their assessments of the priority areas.

¹ Andrew Latham, Addressing the Small Arms/Light Weapons Problem: an Overview of Programs and Funding, ISROP, June, 2002. Ed Lawrence, Reaching Consensus in New York, Small Arms Survey, Geneva, 2003 (forthcoming); Natalie Goldring, A Glass Half Full: the UN Small Arms Conference, Council on Foreign Relations, Roundtable on the Geo-Economics of Military Preparedness, 9/26/01.

² IPPNW, Aiming for Prevention: International Medical Conference on Small Arms, Gun Violence and Injury, Helsinki, 2001; Project Ploughshares, The UN and a small arms program of action: measuring success, Waterloo, 2002; SAFER-net, Follow-up to The UN 201 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms in All its Aspects, Roundtable, CCFP, 2002.

³ Small Arms and Light Weapons in Central America: Implementing the UN Programme of Action's Aspects for Control and Regulation of Arms Transfers. Recommended Actions for National and Regional Implementation. San Jose, Costa Rica, December 5, 2001; Geneva Forum, Implementing the UN Program of Action: What Needs to be Done? February 7-8, 2002.

The recently held Geneva conference identified several factors critical to the success of follow up work. These included:

- Generating political will to proceed;
- Developing effective implementation strategies, systems and approaches; and
- Improving coordination and information exchange.

NGOs have a critical role to play in all of these areas. As has been acknowledged, countries and NGOs have differences of opinion regarding the significance of the Programme of Action in the larger context of global and regional efforts to address problems of the misuse and proliferation of small arms. The Programme of Action was consensus based and consequently, several critical elements were left off. Follow up to the 2001 conference includes converting the Programme of Action into specific initiatives with a timetable (as was done at the regional conference in San Jose). It also includes identifying additional measures which will be pursued through other fora, for example instruments related to the regulation of small arms brokers, a framework convention to address legal transfers, a convention on marking and tracing. In addition there are a host of activities underway at the national and regional levels. Finally, the 2001 conference Program of action was predicated on the implementation of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime.

In order to identify Canadian expertise in this area, a survey was developed and distributed to more than 200 organizations identified by the Government of Canada as well as through directories and coalitions of NGOs. This was further supplemented by a review of the literature. Information was collected on the activities and interests of more than 70 groups and the list is continuing to grow. Information on the following organizations is included in part 2.

African Environment and Human Development Agency
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Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police
Canadian Association for Mine and Explosive Ordnance Security
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Canadian Centres for Teaching Peace
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
Canadian Council for International Co-Operation
Canadian Criminal Justice Association
Canadian Federation of University Women
Canadian Foundation for the Americas
Canadian Human Rights Foundation
Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution
Canadian Institute of International Affairs
Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights
Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee

Canadian Public Health Association
Canadian Red Cross
Canadian Society for International Health
Canadian Voice of Women for Peace/La Voix des femmes canadiennes pour la paix
Canadians Against Violence (CAVEAT)
Cantilevers Peacemedia
Centre for Peace Studies, McMaster University
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)
Coalition for Gun Control/ Coalition pour le controle des armes au feu
Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade
CUSO
Group of 78
ihuman security
Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Waterloo
International Bureau for Children's Rights
International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, UBC
International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development
International Centre for the Prevention of Crime
International Institute for Sustainable Development
Jewish Women International of Canada
Lamarsh Centre for Research and on Violence and Conflict Resolution
Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies
Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues
Médecins Sans Frontières
Mennonite Central Committee Canada
Nathanson Centre, York University
Oxfam Canada
Partnership Africa Canada
Peace Brigades International
Peace Through Health, McMaster University
Physicians for Global Survival
Project Ploughshares
Pugwash
Quebec Public Health Association
Quebec WHO Collaborating Centre for Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention
Save the Children Canada
Small Arms Firearms Education and Research Network, SAFER-net
South Asia Partnership Canada
Street Kids International
UNICEF Canada
United Church of Canada
United Nations Association of Canada
Warchild
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Vision

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Tim Quigley, University of Saskatchewan
Louise Viau, University of Montreal
Irvin Waller, University of Ottawa
Sandra Whitworth, York University

Relevant Areas of Canadian Expertise

A review of the materials provided by these groups as well as an assessment of the work being undertaken by governments and NGOs around the world shows that Canada has a wide array of groups working in areas relevant to the 2001 Conference Programme of Action. Some are focused primarily on small arms work. Others include it as part of a larger agenda. Groups working on the issue come from many different segments of the NGO community: disarmament, peacebuilding, human rights, public health, policing, women's, faith based, development, and other community groups. Many work on a combination of domestic and international issues.

The review of Canadian expertise has revealed the potential to contribute in virtually every aspect of the follow up efforts as is revealed in the inventory which follows. The kinds of expertise reported fall into several broad categories including:

- 1) development of instruments and legislation;
- 2) implementation;
- 3) collection, destruction and reintegration;
- 4) human and social development;
- 5) education, community development and coalition building; and
- 6) research and evaluation.

1) Development of instruments and legislation

Some of the NGOs indicated specific expertise in a) stockpile security and management b) export controls and enforcement, c) marking record keeping and tracing d) illicit trafficking and brokering. Their expertise included, for example, experience in the development of law, regulations and administrative procedures. Canadian NGOs and experts have been involved in providing policy development, drafting and technical expertise in support of the development of international and national policies, instruments and legislation in a variety of contexts. Not only were Canadian NGOs active participants in developing the 2001 Conference Programme of Action but also the OAS agreement, the UN Convention on Trans National Organized Crime. Canadian NGOs are currently involved in the development of the framework convention, a brokering convention, an international convention on marking, and many other initiatives. In addition they have participated in the development of national legislation in many countries including Canada, South Africa, France, New Zealand.

2) Implementation

Other aspects of implementation included security sector reform, systems development, training, enforcement and compliance monitoring. NGOs and researchers reported expertise in developing information systems and databases to support implementation of measures as well as

compliance monitoring. They also reported experience in developing information sharing and coordination mechanisms across jurisdictions. They also reported experience with security sector reform and training; police, customs and other forms of training and technical assistance.

3) Collection, destruction and reintegration

A number of Canadian experts and NGOs reported extensive experience developing and implementing weapons collection and destruction programs in a variety of contexts ranging from technical expertise in methods of destruction to expertise in developing public education programs. Canadian NGOs and experts have been at the forefront of developing procedures and approaches for Disarmament, Demilitarization and Reintegration (DDR). They have also been involved in voluntary weapons collection and destruction programs for example in El Salvador, South Africa and Canada.

4) Human and Social Development

Many Canadian NGOs reported expertise and projects aimed at addressing the root causes of small arms violence. Projects included, for example, general economic development, teaching conflict and violence prevention, public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures," as well as initiatives aimed at promoting respect for human rights, building good governance and transparency. In addition there were projects aimed specifically at ex-combatants as well as vulnerable groups such as women, children and the disabled. Canadian NGOs were also active in the provision of essential humanitarian aid, health and social services to arms affected populations. They reported a variety of approaches to human and social development including peacebuilding, crime prevention and public health strategies.

5) Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange

Many Canadian NGOs reported expertise in community development and education programs relevant both to enhancing participation of groups within Canada and in arms affected regions. Groups reported experience in developing coalitions, in capacity building and in advocacy. Canadian NGOs have organized and participated in many different forms of consultation aimed at developing strategies to address the problem including the Nairobi Declaration, the Antigua Declaration and other regional frameworks. Canadian NGOs also reported active involvement in public awareness and education programs aimed at understanding the problem of small arms and interventions to address the problem. Many were involved in projects aimed at building a culture of peace.

6) Research and Evaluation

A number of Canadian NGOs, researchers and consultants also reported having conducted research on aspects of the small arms problem including: the effects of small arms, small arms trafficking, approaches to developing regulations in different contexts, as well as evaluation of interventions. They reported undertaking a variety of forms of research using a range of techniques; empirical, policy, action research through NGOs as well as university based centers

Opportunities to Strengthen and Exploit Canadian Capacity

Few Canadian NGOs or researchers are devoted exclusively to the issue of small arms or follow up to the 2001 Conference. Nevertheless, even a cursory review of activities and experience reveals a wide range of skills and expertise directly relevant to aspects of the follow up to the Programme of action. Further work needs to be done to strengthen the networks and collaboration among Canadian NGOs and researchers as well as between Canadian and international groups. Clearly there are opportunities to leverage Canadian experience and skill while building increased capacity at home and abroad to address the problem of small arms.

I- DIRECTORY OF CANADIAN EXPERTISE (ORGANIZATIONS)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

AFRIDA is a non-governmental organization committed to improving the quality of life in African mining communities through research and community led initiatives in health, environment and human rights programs. Headquartered in Nigeria, with an international office in Canada, AFRIDA was formed in 1996 in response to the needs of several resource bearing communities in Nigeria, who are confronted with health problems, wars and conflicts, and environmental degradation associated with the presence of extractive industries in their communities. Its programs provide health and development services to these communities, conduct scientific research to document the health, environmental and human rights impact of mining and thus promote environmental justice. AFRIDA also works to reduce the prevalence and use of small arms in these communities. AFRIDA disseminates its empirical findings to African and North American advocacy groups, educational institutions, faith-based groups, corporations and governments to raise public awareness and communicate to the broader public, nationally and globally, about the impact of mining on communities, and secure support for national and global regulatory action to protect their interests.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development

– Promote respect for human rights

AFRIDA has participated in various conferences such as CIPA, Couchiching, IANSA and various others speaking out about human rights issues encountered in the Niger Delta of Nigeria.

– Teaching conflict and violence prevention

AFRIDA is presently involved in a conflict prevention program with ERA in the Niger Delta of Nigeria.

– Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of gun cultures

AFRIDA has a Small Arms Proliferation Awareness Program for Nigerian Journalists.

– Eradicating poverty

AFRIDA has set up micro-credit schemes for women in conflict areas of the Niger Delta.

Working with Vulnerable Groups

– Advocacy

Dr. Wiwa has traveled throughout the world advocating for the respect for environmental and human rights by transnational corporations and governments, and building awareness on the impact of the proliferation of Small arms.

– Addressing women's needs

AFRIDA sponsors reproductive health programs and micro-credit schemes in conflict areas of the Niger Delta in Nigeria.

Health

– Medical assistance and training

Through its Inadum Medical Center in Nigeria, AFRIDA assists victims of gun violence by providing medical equipment and personnel.

Alternatives

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Alternatives meets the needs and responds to the demands of progressive Canadians, and tries to create a more equitable and sustainable country for all. Once a month they publish two newspapers, one in English and one in French. The newspaper offers a different interpretation of current events and provides coverage of International issues that are not often found in the more mainstream press. Their National and International programming incorporates pan-Canadian concerns.

Alternatives works with other NGOs and grassroots organizations throughout the world. The common platform is the desire to foster a democracy built by people who are fighting for social justice and a more equitable society.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

Alternatives is working for peace with eleven partner-groups in seven war-torn countries. Alternatives has forged alliances with these grassroots organizations to support their initiatives to heal the wounds of war, rebuild devastated areas, and ensure that human rights are respected.

Health -- *Medical assistance and training*

Currently, Alternatives is working on projects involving Emergency Humanitarian Assistance in El Salvador, India and Vietnam.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

Alternatives assists its local partners as they work with the disenfranchised, the disempowered and others who have been excluded from taking their rightful place in society. Projects touch on a variety of issues, including women's rights, democratic development, peace building and youth empowerment.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of human rights activists and financial supporters. They work together to prevent violations of people's fundamental civil and political human rights by governments and opposition groups.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

Through its special interest programs, Amnesty International brings together people who wish to use their special skills, interests and influence to further the work of AI in general or to work on specific issues in an area of particular importance to them. For instance, the Human Rights Education Pilot Project is an independent and self-sufficient project whereby teachers receive Education Materials in exchange for holding a fundraising pledge collecting activity with a human rights component. As well, the Educators Network consists of teachers and other professionals in the field of education who have a special interest in promoting human rights education.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Arias Foundation was created by former Costa Rican president (1986-90) and 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate Oscar Arias. Dr. Arias created the foundation in order to further his vision of democracy and non-violence. The mission of the Foundation is to promote just and peaceful societies in Central America and other regions.

The Foundation's continuing work is divided among three active and expanding programs: the Centre for Human Progress; the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and the Centre for Organized Participation.

The Centre for Human Progress has two main initiatives: gender development and human rights. The Centre for Peace and Reconciliation is involved in various issues, including the First Central American Forum on the Proliferation of Light Weapons, Central American Dialogue, International Code of Conduct, Demilitarization and Permanent Security, Conflict Prevention and Democratic Governance and Development. The Centre for Organized Participation deals with a host of issues, including Law and Civil Society, Communication and Coordination, New Mechanisms for Resource Mobilization and NGO's as advocates for Social Change. Currently the Centre is coordinating international effort aimed at developing a Framework Convention on Small Arms.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

The Centre for Human Progress, one of the three active programs, is dedicated to gender development and gender human rights. The purpose of the Center is to promote equality of opportunities for women and gender equity for the Central American population. It proposes to achieve these goals by means of a process involving research, dissemination, education and communication.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The Center for Peace and Reconciliation (CPR) seeks to promote pluralistic participation in the search for and consolidation of strategies to achieve lasting peace and security. The CPRs work is mostly focused in Central America, with more recent projects extending beyond this region. The purpose of the Center for Organized Participation is to strengthen the participation and actions of civil society in Central America by working together with civil society organizations to consolidate their proactive role in the development of the region.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

CANADEM is a non-profit NGO mandated and funded by Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to register and assist in the placement of Canadians with skills in human rights, peacebuilding, democratization, admin-logistics, security, reconstruction, and other fields of expertise. It is a national level roster of civilians with a broad range of skills. CANADEM serves primarily as a rapid reaction source of skilled Canadians for the UN, OSCE, other international organizations, NGOs and the Canadian government.

Initiated in 1997, operational in 1998, and now with over 2,500 registrants, the 'CANADEM' option is working well for Canada. CANADEM is an independent freestanding organization with its own board, yet its set up costs and most of its ongoing funding is provided by the Canadian foreign ministry (DFAIT). Strengthening multilateral organizations is a primary Canadian foreign policy objective, and CANADEM is seen as a valuable Canadian support mechanism for staffing multilateral organizations such as the UN and the OSCE.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

CANADEM was established to improve procedures to staff human rights field operations. Working with various parts of the UN, OSCE, etc., the organization has been matching requests with appropriate registrants. Since 1998, it has put forward candidates to over 90 separate agencies, ministries, departments, or organizations, and to over 50 field missions.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

Created as a tool of Canadian foreign policy for UN mission reform, CANADEM is a unilateral Canadian initiative to help the UN rapidly find skilled Canadians. It remains totally funded by the Canadian government. CANADEM's broad spectrum of registered individuals ranges from those who are just entering the international field to others with extensive expertise. These experts are drawn from NGOs, professional organizations, business, police, military, etc. CANADEM only provides short-lists of screened candidates, it does not deploy individuals. It is up to end-users such as the UN or the Canadian government to actually select, hire, and deploy individuals.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) has as its objectives to encourage and develop cooperation of all Canadian police organizations and their members in the pursuit and attainment of their common objectives; to create and develop the highest standards of efficiency in law enforcement through the fostering and encouragement of police training by education and research; to promote and maintain a high standard of ethics, integrity, honour and conduct in the profession of law enforcement; to encourage and advance the study of modern and progressive practices in the prevention and detection of crime; to foster the uniformity of police practices and cooperation for the protection and security of the people of Canada.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has been active in the development and implementation of domestic legislation related to the regulation of firearms, transportation security and border controls. It has also participated in the development of the OAS Agreement, the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission as well as the UN 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade. Its particular interest is in:

- a) reducing the illicit trafficking and misuse of small arms
- b) sharing Canadian expertise internationally.

CACP has also been an active participant in a wide range of related government and community organizations including the Canada's Smuggling Work Group.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Stockpile Security Management

-- *Developing laws, regulations and administrative procedures; developing regulations, processes and procedures.*

Export Controls and Enforcement

- *Development of regulations*
- *Training*
- *Technology*

Collecting and Destroying Excess Weapons and Ammunition

- *Conducting voluntary and mandatory programs*

Illicit Trafficking Brokerage

- *Developing and implementing regulations*
- *Investigation*
- *Organized crime and terrorism*

Marking Record keeping and Tracing

- *Standards for identification*
- *Maintaining records*

Health and Safety

- *Research and evaluation*

Working with vulnerable groups

- *Projects targeted at reducing misuse of small arms in context of domestic and youth violence*

Security -- Community policing and capacity building

The Association has sixteen "operational" committees whose terms of reference provide for study and resolution of specific police problems and needs. The work of these committees is aimed at assisting day-to-day police operations and in elevating standards of law enforcement through information and services, many of which are supported directly by the federal department of Justice and the Ministry of the Solicitor General of Canada. They cover areas of police concern, such as, crime prevention, detection and investigation; traffic enforcement; research into equipment and supplies; young offenders; organized crime; training; law amendments; and crime statistics.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- Coalition building

The work of the Association's many committees thus involves not only CACP members and members of police forces, but also representatives from outside agencies including government departments, industry, science, legal profession, and the academic field, whose backgrounds bring experience and expert knowledge to the committees concerned. Through its member police chiefs and other senior police executives, the CACP represents in excess of 90% of the police community in Canada.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

CAMEO utilizes the services of former Canadian Military Engineers personnel who have been extensively experienced in land mine clearance and associated activities during their peacekeeping services. To provide a quick reaction service, CAMEO also maintains working links with the Gurkha Security Guards Trust based in the United Kingdom, which maintains a roster of former British Army Gurkha military engineers who are employed on humanitarian land mine and explosive ordnance clearance duties worldwide.

The Canadian Association for Mine and Explosive Ordnance (CAMEO) Security has as its primary mission the saving of life and limb from land mine and unexploded ordnance accidents. Many victims of such accidents are women and children who have to pass through these unmarked minefields to obtain food and fuel for their starving families; underscores the absolute urgency of this mission. This mission includes the building of a national capacity in the affected country to continue this work once CAMEO has withdrawn, and assistance in the rehabilitation of mine victims.

At the same time as it acts to remove existing land mine hazards in war-torn societies, CAMEO intends to strongly advocate a worldwide ban on the production, transfer, and use of anti-personnel land mines so that this scourge of humanity may be eliminated from the world once and for all. To accomplish the Society's Mission, CAMEO Security has registered six primary Objects of the Corporation: to engage in humanitarian mine clearance; to engage in humanitarian explosive ordnance disposal; to engage in live-firing area clearance and environmental clean up; to engage in land mine and explosive ordnance awareness training; to engage in land mine and battle area surveys; and to provide training and assistance to others in the carrying out of all of the above.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Collecting and Destroying Excess Weapons and Ammunition --*Destruction and collection*

CAMEO is working in Panama to build up its capacity for explosive ordnance disposal. CAMEO's projects include training southern Sudanese villagers how to live in a mined environment, how to evacuate and treat casualties and how to recognize and safely dispose of land mines and unexploded bombs.

CAMEO personnel have conducted land mine clearance operations in Mozambique, Angola, Cambodia, Kuwait, and the former Yugoslavia, and have educated Afghani people in mine awareness. They are also fully experienced in mine survey and marking as well as mine database management, and are experts in training many different nationalities in all aspects of land mine action and explosive ordnance disposal. Because military engineers are also trained in the construction and maintenance of buildings and municipal services such as water and power, CAMEO's complement of former military engineers has the additional capacity to advise communities in war-torn societies on reconstruction and rehabilitation of services once the land mine/UXO hazard has been eliminated.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation was founded in 1958 and incorporated ten years later as a non-profit organization. CECI is one of the largest and most solidly established Canadian NGOs supporting international development. Its membership tallies over one hundred individuals from various backgrounds: international relations, religious congregations, universities, private firms, former participants. CECI's mission is to fight poverty and exclusion. More specifically, it strengthens the development capacity of disadvantaged communities; it supports initiatives for peace, human rights and equity; it mobilizes resources and promotes the exchange of know-how.

CECI has solid project management experience in the developing countries. Its participants in these countries mainly support local development initiatives. CECI's primary Third World partners are non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Its public awareness activities remind Canadians of the needs and expectations of less favoured countries. The range of CECI's development programs has recently been extended beyond the developing world. In 1999, it started to work in Southeastern Europe (Balkans). In 2000, it began to support a disadvantaged community in Northern Quebec, Canada.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

CECI's cooperation programs, carried out with a network of national partners based in some 23 Southern countries, are mainly geared to the various facets of development: economic aspects, human rights and strengthening of civil society, social issues and the environment. Humanitarian aid also has its place. CECI's main development tools are volunteer cooperation, implementation of projects and professional exchange between organizations.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

CECI offers the Canadian public the following activities, instilled with the values of humanism and international solidarity: documentation, publications, initiation of young adults to international cooperation, public sensitization and fundraising for development and humanitarian aid.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Canadian Centres for Teaching Peace, and PEACE.CA, were incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the Canada Corporation Act on September 23, 1997. The purpose of PEACE.CA is to bring together all peoples of the world in the promotion of lasting peace through "thinking globally and acting locally", building peace in the community, strategic action planning, networking, information sharing, etc. PEACE.CA should enhance cooperation between nations, cultivate goodwill and peaceful understanding among people, and promote human and economic development.

The long term objectives of PEACE.CA include: developing a virtual centre for teaching peace, information dissemination and networking; developing "partnerships for peace" between individuals, government, NGOs, and business; activate individuals, the general public and organizations to reduce violence and crime; raising activating peace awareness, education, networking, recognition.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

The web site of the Canadian Centres for Teaching Peace offers various articles related to issues of peace at the global, community, family and individual levels and shows how, at each level, contributions can be made to the peace effort.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

The Association has had many individuals and organizations who inspired and contributed to the production of the PEACE.CA web site.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948, the CCCB is the national association of Canada's bishops. It is part of a network of episcopal conferences established by Vatican Council II (1962-65) as permanent institutions where national bishops exercise certain pastoral offices. The Episcopal Commission for Social Services, which is part of the CCCB, assists the bishops and the people of God in proclaiming the Gospel through activities for justice and the transformation of society. The Commission does research and education and suggests action on a variety of social justice concerns, both nationally and internationally. The Commission assists bishops and the people of God in proclaiming the Gospel through activities for justice and the transformation of society.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Advocacy for Legislation and Regulation

The CCBC has been actively engaged in mobilizing support for stricter controls on licit transfers of small arms at the domestic and international level.

Human and Social Development -- *Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"*

The CCCB assists Canadian bishops in their role as moral teachers in accordance with the social teachings of the Church and the CCCB's pastoral objectives. The activities of the Commission fall under three main themes: Faith and Justice, Justice in Canada and Justice in the Third World. It aims, by interventions and initiatives (i.e., briefs, letters, messages), to make more explicit the links between faith and justice, which is part of evangelism and communicating the social teachings of the Church. The CCBC has been actively engaged in a range of efforts aimed at addressing the demand for small arms and countering the culture of violence.

Canadian Council for International Co-Operation

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation (CCIC) is a coalition of about 100 Canadian organizations who seek to change the course of human development in ways that favour social and economic equity, democratic participation, environmental integrity and respect for human rights. Established in 1968, the Council conducts research, disseminates information and creates learning opportunities for its members, coordinating their collective efforts to shape new models for world development, press for national and international policies that serve the global public interest and build a social movement for global citizenship in Canada.

The Canadian Council for International Co-operation seeks to end global poverty, and to promote social justice and human dignity for all. The Canadian Council for International Co-operation and its member's organizations are, therefore, committed to the principle that development should recognize the hazards of militarism and should promote peaceful solutions to violent conflict, whether internationally, nationally or locally. In addition, development is a global process that should link common interests and issues and build an international movement for change.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty*

Member agencies of the CCIC commit themselves to support the principles of the organization through their programs overseas and through the conduct of their Canadian operations, including public relations, fund-raising, public education and recruitment. CCIC aims to promote and mobilize greater Canadian participation in international development. The Council seeks to aid agencies in addressing the systematic causes of underdevelopment, reflecting the views of CCIC members and their Third World partners in development.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The CCIC represents the views and concerns of its members to the public at large and to the Government of Canada. To this end, it develops and advances policy positions on a variety of issues. CCIC builds its policy positions from the direct programming and policy experience of its members. In the case of small arms, the CCIC follows in particular the work of their member coalition, Project Ploughshares.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association is an independent voluntary organization working for an improved criminal justice system. Recognizing that the criminal justice system must serve the needs of all people, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association is an umbrella organization representing all elements of the criminal justice system, including the public. It exists to promote rational, informed, and responsible debate in order to develop a more humane, equitable, and effective justice system.

The Canadian Criminal Justice Association is committed to providing the public, criminal justice participants, and concerned observers with balanced information and education on justice issues through: publications, conferences, seminars, congress and training opportunities. The CCJA aims to: create opportunities for debate, consult and advise, initiate change, monitor progress and strive for improvement in a variety of areas. The Association's drive for improvement encompasses crime prevention, community-based programs, public policy, justice programs and services, and legislation. Additionally, the Association is an advocate of fairness, equity and protection of rights.

The CCJA has been active in advocacy efforts to strengthen controls on legal arms transfers to reduce their misuse and diversion to illegal markets.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

CCJA has expertise related to security sector reform and conflict resolution. The CCJA is a national forum where all views can come together in order to achieve consensus around issues, directions, policy and the law to work towards an integrated approach to community safety.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The CCJA also publishes the Canadian Journal of Criminology. This is a scientific journal containing in-depth articles based on research and experimentation with subscribers in more than 35 countries. This publication appeals to justice administrators, researchers and practitioners, academics, and to anyone wishing to keep abreast of recent criminological findings and opinions.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1919, The Canadian Federation of University Women, is a voluntary, non-profit, self-funded bilingual organization of over 10,000 women university graduates. CFUW members are active in public affairs, working to raise the social, economic and legal status of women, as well as to improve education, the environment, peace, justice and human rights. The CFUW is part of the International Federation of University women, an NGO with UN Consultative Status.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promoting Respect for Human Rights*

Developing and implementing controls on legal transfers and possession

The CFUW has been particularly focused on improving the regulation of small arms in order to reduce that misuse, particularly in the context of violence against women and children. The CFUW looks to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage women university graduates to place their educational and professional training at the service of the community in local, national and international fields.

Working with Vulnerable Groups – *Advocacy*

The CFUW is working to safeguard and improve the economic, legal and professional status of women.

Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL) is an independent, non-governmental organization dedicated to deepening and strengthening Canada's relations with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean through policy discussion and analysis. FOCAL's mission is to develop a greater understanding of important hemispheric issues and to help build a stronger community of the Americas.

Issues relating to inter-American relations, governance and human security, social policies, and economic integration represent FOCAL's core policy concerns. FOCAL monitors developments in the Americas and, working with experts, analyses emerging issues. Many of these issues are discussed at conferences and workshops organized by FOCAL. The discussions lead to the development of policy options and research papers that FOCAL brings to the attention of governments, international organizations, the private sector, the non-governmental community and the media. Information is shared with the public through publications, including briefings and research papers, conference reports, and newsletters. FOCAL's web site provides links to other sources of information on the Internet. FOCAL also serves as a port of call for requests for information on hemispheric issues. Meetings and networking with the research community and alliances with key partner organizations further FOCAL's communication efforts.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Security -- Promoting good governance

New issues have emerged which represent a threat to democracy and development, such as the rise of criminality, corruption and the continued problems related to the region's drug trade. They require more analysis and the development of options for local governance and sub-regional integration. Second generation democratic and human rights reforms are also needed, such as judicial reform, mechanisms to strengthen the work and the accountability of civil society organizations, and more attention to the root causes of individual insecurity in the region. FOCAL's policy analysis has concentrated on identifying the links between the various threats to governance and democracy in the Americas and contributing to developing a credible and relevant hemispheric human security agenda.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies

The Political Database of the Americas is a joint internet-based project of the Center for Latin American Studies at Georgetown University and the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy of the Organization of American States. The Database project grew out of the 1994 Summit of the Americas, where regional leaders called for the exchange of experiences among democratic institutions, and emphasized the need for timely, authoritative, hemispheric political data. Through the acquisition, preservation and dissemination of comparative data, the Database provides electronic information resources to students, academics, policy analysts and government officials on politics in the Americas. The Database web site provides full-text copies of major national legal instruments, along with a range of academic resources and statistical data, for the thirty-five countries of the hemisphere.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Human Rights Foundation (CHRF) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the defense and promotion of human rights through education, in Canada and around the world. The CHRF was established in 1967 by a group of Canadian jurists, scholars and human rights advocates, among them the late John P. Humphrey, one of the drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These pioneers were committed to bringing human rights to the forefront of the Canadian experience through educational programmes. Today, the CHRF remains faithful to its initial mandate and fulfills its mission through programs which support the development of pluralistic and democratic civil societies. Their educational programs focus on human rights law and public education techniques and strategies. They contribute to the creation and consolidation of networks of human rights defenders, in Canada and around the world.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

Their main activities include an annual International Human Rights Training Program (IHRTTP), Regional Programs in Africa, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, as well as training programs for National Institutions in developing countries.

The CHRF also initiates dialogue and fosters research through Conferences on emerging human rights issues and a series of Publications including educational materials, conference proceedings and a bilingual newsletter, *Speaking About Rights*.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The goal of the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution is to provide conflict resolution and mediation training. The Institute maintains its commitment to training by providing education and training courses operated through the University of Ottawa. The Institute is involved in projects at home and in other countries which are designed to foster, develop and communicate conflict resolution processes for individuals, organizations and communities.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Security -- *Security Sector/Peacekeeping Training*

Internationally, Institute alumni have used their skills to help mend the deep rifts that exist within communities in Austria and Rwanda, and teams of trainers are working in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Canadian Institute of International Affairs

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The mandate of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA) is to promote a deeper understanding of international affairs and of Canada's role in a changing world by providing members with a non-partisan, nation-wide forum for informed discussion, analysis and debate. By bringing together all interested parties - private sector, government, academia, NGO representatives, as well as the concerned public - to examine global issues through a distinctively Canadian lens, the CIIA contributes a unique perspective on Canada's place in the world.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Information sharing among relevant institutions*

The Canadian Institute of International Affairs can help donors tackle difficult global issues and assess their impact on Canada and Canadian interests. Through its activities, the Institute can inform the community of alternative approaches and can examine them and assess their implications in a Canadian context. Above all, it can heighten public awareness of the direct and immediate link between domestic prosperity and international success. The CIIA is the only Institution in Canada committed to broadening support for an active Canada fully engaged internationally. The CIIA's activities and programmes are aimed at developing an informed constituency and at helping interested Canadians acquire the knowledge and understanding needed for individual, corporate, and national success in the world today.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights (CLAIHR) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, established to promote and protect human rights internationally through the use of law and legal institutions.

The Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights: analyses laws, institutions and practices affecting human rights; contributes to developing and strengthening laws and institutions that protect human rights; promotes awareness of human rights issues within the legal community; supports lawyers, legal organizations and others dedicated to achieving human rights.

CLAIHR puts Canadian lawyers' experience and expertise to work to further civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights worldwide. It focuses on the situations of indigenous people, workers and women, particularly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) within these countries work to achieve respect for human rights and the rule of law within their borders. CLAIHR can support them by accessing information, financial and material resources, and by conducting research which will help them propose and critique legislation for the protection of human rights within their own countries.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

CLAIHR works by responding to requests from its partner organizations to co-operate in developing and implementing projects that advance human rights. CLAIHR also seeks to educate and inform the legal profession and the public at large about human rights issues. CLAIHR placed an initial emphasis on the developing countries of the Western Hemisphere and began working in partnership with legal and human rights bodies in Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Jamaica and Nicaragua. Since 1994, CLAIHR has extended its activities to include projects in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Namibia, the Palestinian Self-Rule Areas, South Africa and Western Sahara.

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

In Canada, CLAIHR has brought human rights issues to the attention of the legal community, from whom it encourages contributions, whether in the form of monetary donations or voluntary assistance in its projects, and has worked actively to promote good human rights practices by Canadian businesses operating in the South.

Canadian Peacebuilding Coordination Committee

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee (CPCC) is a network of Canadian non-governmental organizations and institutes, academics and other individuals from a wide range of sectors, including humanitarian assistance, development, conflict resolution, peace, faith communities and human rights.

CPCC has been working since 1994 to formulate policy and operational directions for Canadian NGOs involved in peacebuilding, in collaboration with other relevant actors. The network is engaged in a process of dialogue with a broad range of NGOs, institutes and the Canadian government to articulate Canadian directions in the area of peacebuilding, and to strengthen NGO and civil society input into peacebuilding policy and program development. The goal of the CPCC is to engender greater coherence and effectiveness in building peace through collaboration and coordination among diverse groups and sectors in Canada, and their partners overseas. The CPCC has hosted a number of consultations on small arms.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

CPCC, through a number of complementary initiatives, provides information exchange and networking to encourage support for peacebuilding among the Canadian non-governmental community and general public. The CPCC looks to deepen partnerships with peacebuilding networks, NGOs, research institutes and other like-minded organizations in the South and North. CPCC currently has working groups on Children and Armed Conflict; Gender and Peacebuilding; Small Arms; Conflict Prevention; Friends of South Asia; and Afghanistan. The Small Arms group looks to keep participants in the CPCC informed about ongoing work by Canadian and international agencies active on this issue, including transnational networks such as the emerging International Action Network on Small Arms. (IANSA).

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) holds that racism, religious intolerance and economic and social inequity are the principal contributing causes of violent conflict, and that without addressing these issues, we will not have global security. Accordingly, in a 1986 resolution, the CPHA urged the Government of Canada to advocate resolution of conflict on the basis of communication rather than military reprisal.

The CPHA is committed to redoubling its efforts to improve the health of the Canadian and world population, by supporting the strengthening of public health infrastructures and by working to increase the capacity of public health associations in Canada and abroad to contribute to peace-building and to enhance civil society. The Canadian Public Health Association has been active in the development of tools to assess the risk of violence and suicide as well as legislation and processes aimed at reducing the misuse and proliferation of small arms.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- *Research methods and evaluation*

The Canadian Journal of Public Health addresses national and international health and social issues, while conferences provide a forum for both members and the public to debate major health topics. Through representation on external committees and task forces, the Association's views are presented and contribute to the decision-making process relevant to public health issues. The public health approach develops fact-based policy, which includes an analysis of the problem, the causal factors, potential interventions and an evaluation of their impacts.

Consultation, Co-Operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

CPHA continues its support for the public health structure through its work with the Health Action Lobby on the federal budget. As well, the CPHA has taken an active role in discussions concerning the development of Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Red Cross is an international, non-profit organization working to alleviate suffering caused by fighting. The Red Cross is comprised of the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, which are coordinated through the Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross, both based in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Red Cross provides development; humanitarian assistance delivery; international advocacy and training (for International Humanitarian Law). The Red Cross's mission is to help people in Canada and around the world to deal with situations that threaten their survival and safety, their security and well-being and their human dignity. All Red Cross programs and activities are guided by the Fundamental Principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality. These principles allow the Red Cross to provide help immediately to whomever needs it, wherever they are, whatever their race, political beliefs, religion, social status, or culture.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

The Red Cross has committed to a global initiative that links it with other organization/constituencies with the same goals. The organization is a member of the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross); IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent). ICRC has undertaken extensive research on the effects of small arms particularly on civilians.

Working with Vulnerable Groups

The Red Cross has active international participation throughout the world, such as in Central Africa; Zaire, Rwanda; Burundi; Tanzania; Uganda; Kenya; Somalia; Sudan; Afghanistan; Central Asia; former Yugoslavia; Haiti; all (12) countries of South America.

Health -- *Medical assistance and training*

The Red Cross has taken on projects such as Humanitarian Relief and Emergency Assistance, Institutional/Civil Capacity Building and Training.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Canadian Society for International Health, a national voluntary organization, facilitates and supports health and development activities around the world through the mobilization of Canadian and other resources. The goal for the Society for the upcoming years is to promote and sustain equity-based approaches to health worldwide through the mobilization of Canadian expertise and international resources.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- *Medical Assistance and Training*

The CSIH aims to build institutional and professional capacity for sustainable health systems. As well, the CSIH looks to assist in the reorientation and improvement of the organizational and human capacity in organizations responsible for formulating, planning and implementing integrated reforms for health.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

The CSIH advocates for health policy and programming which contributes to global objectives of health for all, equity, and social justice, while building partnerships with Canadian and other institutions and organizations.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Since its foundation in 1960, the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace (VOW) has worked locally, nationally and internationally on issues related to peace, social justice, human rights and development, always seeking to promote a woman's and a feminist's perspective. VOW's objectives are: to unite women in concern for the future of the world; to help promote the mutual respect and cooperation among nations necessary for peaceful negotiations between world partners; to protest war or the threat of war as the decisive method of exercising power; to appeal to all national leaders to cooperate in the alleviation of the causes of war by common action for the economic and social betterment of all; and to provide a means for women to exercise responsibility for the family of humankind. The Canadian Voice of Women for peace has been active in promoting gender-based analysis of the small arms problem as well as interventions aimed at reducing their proliferation and misuse.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- Advocacy

VOW groups and members provide analysis, comments and briefs to Canadian provincial and federal governments and to international organizations

Human and Social Development -- Promote efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"

Working with this UNESCO initiative, they are developing and documenting women's contributions to the process of replacing a culture of violence with a culture of peace. As well as taking many local opportunities to become "Peace Promoters", they have had recent dialogues on what this concept means to groups from Rwanda and Mexico.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

CAVEAT is a grass-roots charitable organization serving as a non-partisan voice for all Canadians, working together for safety, peace, and justice.

CAVEAT wants an integrated justice system that shares information and is accountable for its decisions. They seek justice, not revenge. They believe that the protection of the public must be the overriding goal of the justice system, and that the offender's rights should not be greater than those of the victim. Their focus is on building safe and healthy communities through cooperative crime prevention and response initiatives.

CAVEAT is, as part of the World Victimology Society, an NGO with UN Consultative Status and has been active in UN initiatives aimed at reducing the misuse and proliferation of small arms.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

Information displays are routinely set up in malls and at community events across Canada. CAVEAT speakers have undertaken more than 400 speaking engagements, ranging from small schools and churches to large international conferences. CAVEAT holds forums across Canada to educate the public on victims' issues, the workings of the justice system and crime prevention. A typical forum involves a panel of experts speaking about their own roles in the system, usually followed by a question period. Workshops take a more hands-on approach and are held in cooperation with other community groups.

Health -- *Injury prevention education*

CAVEAT discusses violence-related issues and devises effective means of dealing with violence both generally and in specific incidences of violence as well as guidelines to respond to them.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Cantilevers' publication provides a global forum for the sharing of experiences, strategies and tools contributing to the development of theory and good practice about the transformation of conflict and building of peace. Assuming that broad societal participation in peace processes lays the foundations for sustained peace, Cantilevers highlights the voices of youth leaders and members of historically marginalized groups, alongside other key political and social actors. Cantilevers reaches a culturally and geographically diverse audience of peacemakers, policymakers, educators and students, journalists as well as a wider international public. Ensuring democratic access to peace-related tools and information, Cantilevers maintains a selected complementary distribution scheme in the Global South.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

The Cantilevers' forum acts as mechanism to promote non-violent channels for the resolution of disputes, at the local and international levels.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

Cantilevers' publication builds on the foundations of greater communication and awareness to erect bridges of understanding between peoples from regions of conflict, audiences of the North and South, policy-makers and practitioners. Providing accessible analysis of contemporary conflict and peace issues and initiatives, Cantilevers seeks to raise awareness and serve as a vehicle for coalition-building on critical issues.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Centre for Peace Studies at McMaster University was established by the Board of Governors in 1989. In 1999 Peace Studies became part of the Faculty of Humanities, and in July 2000 the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies was created to provide administrative support and form a home base for students in the three interdisciplinary areas based in Humanities, Comparative Literature, Women's Studies and Peace Studies. As well as offering academic courses, the Centre for Peace Studies annually sponsors the independently endowed Bertrand Russell Peace Lectures and Mahatma Gandhi Lectures on Non-violence. It has organized several international conferences, initiated a number of scholarly publications, and has a wide range of international contacts, especially in Central America, Europe, India, and the Middle East.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

Peace Studies is a discipline that seeks to understand war and peace, violence and non-violence, conflict and conflict transformation, and that looks for ways to promote human well-being through this understanding. Peace Studies is distinguished from other disciplines by its focus, its integration of approaches from varied disciplines, its explicit values and its engaged scholarship. While many academic disciplines regard war and peace, violence and non-violence, conflict and conflict transformation as important aspects of human social life, Peace Studies is the only one that puts them at the centre of its study. Peace Studies is one of a number of emerging disciplines that explicitly regards certain conditions as problematic and commits itself both to understanding and to changing these conditions.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

CRWRC is an international Relief and Development organisation. CRWRC's mission is to: "engage God's people in redeeming resources and developing gifts in collaborative activities of love, mercy, justice, and compassion. They carry out Relief by providing both food and non-food commodities to disaster-stricken areas, to those who are most needy, regardless of race or religion. Their development programming focuses on increasing the capacity of communities via local NGOs. Overseas staff provide training to partners and communities in areas of justice, education, health, and agriculture, with close to 125,000 people participants in their programs this year".

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development

-- *Eradicating poverty*

-- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

-- *Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"*

-- *Promote respect for human rights*

-- *Building good governance and transparency*

Coalition for Gun Control/Coalition pour le controle des armes au feu

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Coalition for Gun Control is a national, non-profit organization working to reduce firearm death, injury and crime. The Coalition was founded in the wake of the tragedy at l'École Polytechnique and its position is endorsed by over 350 organizations, including: the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, the YWCA of Canada, the Church Council of Justice and Corrections, Victims of Violence International, the Canadian Jewish Congress; and many other policing, health, women's, victims, and community organizations across Canada.

The Coalition for Gun Control advocates strict domestic legislation including licensing for all gun owners, a cost-effective system to register all guns, a total ban on civilian possession of military assault weapons and large capacity magazines, controls on the sale of ammunition and tougher restrictions on handguns. In addition the Coalition promotes strict safe storage requirements, education countering the romance of guns and the myth of arming for self-protection, a ban on replica firearms, effective implementation of the law, deterrence and prevention in the justice system. The main elements of the Coalition's position are now law and they are currently focusing on effective implementation of the law, research and education, improving measures to combat smuggling and the illegal gun trade and protecting the legislation from legal challenges and attacks by the gun lobby. The Coalition for Gun Control has been active both through the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission as well as the UN's 2001 Conference on the illicit trade in small arms in all its aspects. It also participated in the development of the OAS agreement.

The Coalition's particular areas of expertise are related to the development and implementation of legislation to reduce the misuse and illicit trade in small arms as well as the development and mobilization of cross sectoral coalitions. The Coalition for Gun Control's models have been employed in diverse contexts including South Africa. The Coalition has worked with NGOs worldwide including Northern Ireland, South Africa, Turkey, the USA, Australia, Brazil and Austria to share expertise and best practices. The Coalition for Gun Control is a founding member of IANSA and currently serves on the Facilitations Committee.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Stockpile Security and Management --Laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure control over national inventories

The Coalition has expertise in the development of fact-based measures to improve controls. It has been active in developing laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure control over national inventories; physical security measures/safe storage.

Export Controls and Enforcement

The Coalition has been involved in developing measures to control borders.

Collecting and Destroying Excess Weapons and Ammunition

The Coalition has participated in developing implementing voluntary surrender and amnesty programs.

Illicit Trafficking / Brokerage

It has conducted research on organized crime and illicit trafficking.

Marking, Record Keeping and Tracing

The Coalition has worked on developing national and international standards on tracing and registration systems.

Security

It has participated in community policing and training for law enforcement, intelligence and customs control.

Human and Social Development

It has developed public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures".

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The Coalition is recognized world wide for its expertise in Coalition Building and a social marketing approach to small arms injury prevention. The Coalition has developed learning materials and workshops which have been adapted in a variety of contexts.

The Coalition has coordinated a series of round tables and Consultations across sectors (health, police, women, human rights development) groups on small arms policy and initiatives and has monitored groups to include it in their activities.

Working with Vulnerable Groups - *Advocacy*

The coalition have been working closely with other groups within Canada in an effort to erode barriers among different stakeholders and to provide support to a wide range of international initiatives. It has particular emphasis on researching and developing appropriate measures to improve the safety of women and children.

Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade (COAT)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

COAT is a national network of individuals and organizations in Canada that began in late 1988 to organize opposition to ARMX '98, which was the country's largest weapons bazaar. COAT has continued to expose and oppose Canada's role in the international arms trade, particularly where there is trade to governments which are engaged in war or which violate human rights.

COAT gathers information and conducts research on various international efforts by NGOs, governments and businesses to promote the economic conversion of military industries, bases and other facilities to civilian alternatives. Attention is focused on promoting conversion programs which are socially useful and environmentally sound. Based in Ottawa, COAT has made great headway in exposing and opposing many military export events held in the nation's capital. COAT's contribution to the meaningful understanding, discussion and pressure for conversion, has come primarily through their magazine, Press for Conversion!

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Collecting and Destroying Excess Weapons and Ammunition --*Voluntary surrender/amnesty*
COAT has been involved in the Nuclear Weapons Conversion project, which has involved researching Canadian nuclear weapons-related contracts and encouraging conversion.

Human and Social Development -- *Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"*

Opposing Military Trade Events is of particular importance to the coalition. It has provided research, writing, and organizing opposition to military export events in Ottawa. It is active in a project aimed at peace links: soliciting letters from NGOs in countries where Canada exports military equipment and distributing them in Canada. During Ottawa's War Show, the COAT used the war show to raise awareness on peace, human rights, environmental and economic issues.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

The Coalition publishes Press for Conversion!, Canada's only magazine which focuses on the conversion of military industries and bases around the world. COAT has organized two conferences on human rights and conversion, having also raised awareness of weapons trade-related issues at these events.

Working with Vulnerable Groups --*Advocacy*

The Non-Violent Play project spear headed by the coalition is aimed at organizing opposition to war toys and violent games, and promoting cooperative children's activities.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

CUSO is a Canadian non-profit organization which supports alliances for global social justice. CUSO works with people who strive for freedom, gender and racial equality, self-determination and cultural survival. CUSO achieves its goals by sharing information, human material and resources, and by promoting global sustainability.

CUSO is active in international development. It participates in projects that focus on conflict resolution; early warning; economic reconstruction; environmental security; governance and democratic development; human rights; institutional/civil capacity building; policy development, assessment and advocacy and social reconstruction. The organization is active in the following countries : Guatemala; El Salvador; Nicaragua; Peru; Columbia; Nigeria; Mozambique; South Africa; Indonesia, East Timor, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange – *Coalition Building*

Over the years, CUSO is has maintained relationships, communications and/or support to partners in communities and countries which have been at war, or struggling for democracy and economic justice. CUSO is also a networking partner between the Canadian government and various community leaders around the world.

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

CUSO's goal is to contribute to socio-political development by assisting communities in the development of good governance practices, improving respect for and protection of human rights, and participating in the policy decision-making that affects their lives.

CUSO has supported the Democratic Development Fund project. The main activities of the project were to provide conflict resolution, governance and democratic development and training in Nigeria. CUSO's main role was to provide administrative, technical and policy advocacy.

The Group of 78

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Group of 78 is an informal association of Canadians seeking to promote global priorities for peace and disarmament, equitable and sustainable development, and a strong and revitalized United Nations system.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Information sharing among relevant institutions*

The G78 Web site is designed to enliven foreign policy discussion through discussion, analysis, comment and information. It brings together diverse interests including academics, governmental and non-governmental organizations, business and professional groups, churches, journalism, labour, and individuals with a special interest in international affairs. The Web site is organized in four main sections: Peace and Security, Economic Equity, Global Governance, and Environmental Quality.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

I human Society is a non-profit, charitable society that works with high risk youth and creates significant markers for societies, such as the Art of Peacemaking Project: The Gun Sculpture. They are committed to the concept of a non-violent world, where small arms and weapons of mass destruction are no longer viable and where youth can regain control of their legacy to live in peace. The importance of communication by youth, for youth is a priority with I human. Through The Red Tear, youth worldwide will be able to develop strategies for a disarmed world. They are currently involved in an initiative with the University of Alberta and United Nations to address the issue of child soldiers in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups – Promoting general child welfare, child soldiers' needs, addressing women's needs, post-conflict

This is their area of expertise. They are currently developing hands-on programs that will empower children in post-conflict societies to creatively express their needs through art, music, film, and sculpture. This program will be applied to child-soldiers in Sierra Leone, with emphasis on art therapy, advocacy, and the creation of concrete symbols that can be used throughout the world. Women and mothers will be a part of this program.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The mandate of the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies is to undertake research and public education, and provide support for peacemaking efforts at various levels.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

IPACS engages in public education with community groups, churches, educational institutions and non-governmental organizations. Its activities include workshops, seminars, public lectures and publications on current issues such as the Canadian arms trade, cross-cultural conflict resolution and the role of the church in peacemaking. An IPACS Reading Room provides periodicals and up-to-date files of newspaper clippings on relevant issues. The Institute regularly sponsors lectures delivered by specialists in issues related to human conflict and peace.

International Bureau for Children's Rights

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The IBCR's mission is to protect, defend and promote the rights and the welfare of all children in every corner of the globe. Its objectives are to ensure that children's rights are respected in accordance with the principles set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. In each of the current program areas - fighting sexual exploitation, protecting war-affected children, and promoting the rights of the child - the IBCR intends to raise awareness and increase public understanding of what children are going through, what their rights are, and what can be done to improve the situation when problems arise.

These activities involve youth and children directly in the promotion of their rights. Working with youth and children means working within their environment, be it through the schools, the religious community or the neighbourhood organizations. Activities in each of these areas are carried out both on a national and international scale with a clear focus on the participation of developing countries. In pursuing its mission, the IBCR encourages concerned groups and individuals to exchange ideas, share best practices and discuss common solutions to various obstacles to the successful implementation of children's rights.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

The IBCR is supporting and working with partner organizations in different countries. The activities can only be developed with the help and co-operation of other like-minded organizations. For example, one of the many benefits of the Hearings of the International Tribunal for Children's Rights is that they help to create and strengthen connections between organizations from around the world and to bring together individuals and organizations from all regions internationally who otherwise may never have had the opportunity to exchange ideas or share experiences.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Promoting general child welfare*

The IBCR denounces, condemns and publicizes any situation which contributes to the continuation of children's suffering and violation of their rights. As well, they intervene, through the Tribunal, in high priority situations.

The IBCR raises awareness and urges citizens and governments to take responsibility for the violation of children's rights. They call for concrete action to ensure the welfare and protection of children and recommend appropriate actions.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The International Centre's mission is to improve the quality of justice through reform of criminal law, policy, and practice. The Centre promotes democratic principles, the rule of law and respect for human rights in criminal law and the administration of criminal justice, domestically, regionally and globally. The primary role of the Centre is to provide advice, information, research and proposals for policy development and legislation. Since information and knowledge are primary, the Centre is actively involved in education and training. Where appropriate, the Centre also provides technical assistance to governments and other agencies.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The Centre looks to establish information exchanges concerning the implementation and effectiveness of the UN norms and standards in crime prevention and criminal justice.

Legal Assistance -- *Providing legal assistance and advice*

The Centre is committed to providing means of assistance, particularly to developing countries, for more effective crime prevention and more humane justice.

International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, now known as Rights & Democracy, is a non-partisan organization with an international mandate. It officially opened its doors in October 1990 and works with individuals, organizations and governments in Canada and abroad to defend and promote human rights as defined in the International Bill of Human Rights. Rights & Democracy is a unique institution, bridging the gap between non-governmental organizations and governments, fostering dialogue between civil society and the State. It initiates and supports projects that advocate human rights and democratic development and strengthen the capacity of partners to do the same.

While its mandate is wide-ranging, Rights & Democracy focuses on four themes: democratic development, women's rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, and globalization and human rights. Funded by the government of Canada and other donors, Rights & Democracy provides financial, political, and technical support to its partners, which include human rights groups, indigenous peoples' organizations, women's rights groups, and democratic development. Rights & Democracy has initiated and supported 117 projects. Each project had an advocacy and/or capacity-building component and was related to one of the four themes.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promote respect for human rights*

Rights & Democracy works in cooperation with Canadian and international partners to help advocate the principles of the International Bill of Human Rights and strengthen the capacity of local citizens to foster human rights and democratic institutions.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

Through speeches, press releases, and conferences, Rights & Democracy raises the profile of international human rights issues in Canada, such as the restoration of democracy in Haiti, Peru and Burma, the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the ratification of the Rome Statute for an International Criminal Court, and the promotion of human rights in international trade agreements. The organization has been promoting the awareness of women's rights violations in armed conflict situations.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The ICPC was created for the purpose of assisting cities and countries to reduce delinquency, violence and insecurity. In order to contribute to the resolution of local crime and insecurity problems, ICPC encourages the use of best practices in crime prevention gleaned from Europe, North America, and other regions of the world.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The ICPC works in collaboration with city associations, prevention agencies, the private sector, as well as governmental, regional, and international agencies. The activities of ICPC are supported by the governments of, Canada, France, the Ivory Coast, the Netherlands, Portugal, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the province of Quebec.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The IISD contributes to sustainable development by advancing policy recommendations on international trade and investment, economic instruments, climate change, measurement and indicators, and natural resource management. By using Internet communications, they report on international negotiations and broker knowledge gained through collaborative projects with global partners, resulting in more rigorous research, capacity building in developing countries and better dialogue between North and South.

IISD's vision is better living for all-sustainably; its mission is to champion innovation, enabling societies to live sustainably. IISD receives operating grant support from the Government of Canada, provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Environment Canada, and from the Province of Manitoba. The institute receives project funding from the Government of Canada, the Province of Manitoba, other national governments, United Nations agencies, foundations and the private sector. IISD is registered as a charitable organization in Canada and has 501(c) (3) status in the United States.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development

--Eradicating poverty

The IISD has a program of work on poverty alleviation.

--Building good governance and transparency

The IISD has developed tools such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin and done research on international governance issues.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Jewish Women International (JWI), founded in 1897 as B'nai B'rith Women, is dedicated to breaking the cycle of violence through education, advocacy and action - locally, nationally and around the world. Guided by the vision of a safe world for women, children and families and the Jewish concept of tikkun olam, repair of the world, JWI fulfills its mission through many programs, initiatives and philanthropic activities. For over 50 years, JWI has been helping severely emotionally disturbed children break the cycle of violence by funding a unique treatment center in Israel. For the past decade, JWI has been a leader in the Jewish community in bringing awareness to the issue of domestic violence in the Jewish community. JWI facilitates the work of many organizations and individuals by sponsoring a web-based listing of resources on domestic violence in the Jewish community that provides national, state-by-state and international information.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups – Advocacy

JWI is actively working for increased funding and attention to women's health matters, which includes supporting stronger anti-stalking laws and other legislation that affects the safety of women and their families.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The LaMarsh Centre for Research on Violence and Conflict Resolution, based in the Faculty of Arts at York University is an interdisciplinary association of faculty, graduate students and professional community members.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

The LaMarsh Centre is committed to research on all issues relating to violence and conflict resolution including family violence, aggressive driving behaviour, bullying and victimization in schools, sports and violence, conflict resolution in families, romantic relationships in adolescence, prevention of dating violence in high risk youth, and mental health in adult survivors of abuse, among other things.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The purpose of the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies is to foster research, teaching, and public discussion of military and strategic issues of national and international significance. The Centre was founded in 1991 with support from the Military and Strategic Studies programme (now the Security and Defence Forum) of Canada's Department of National Defence.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Other -- *Strategic Studies*

The research activities of the Centre are multi-disciplinary, with concentrations on military history and the strategic analysis of defence operations, peacekeeping, and arms control. In the strategic component, formal methods are used to represent and analyse strategic problems, and find practical solutions. The history component focuses on the armed forces of Canada and the conflicts in which they have been engaged.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues serves as a nexus for policy development, involving academic researchers, government officials, business communities and public organizations addressing pivotal international challenges, including human security, governance and environment.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

The Liu Centre was established with an organizational model that combines policy research and participation in decision-making. It pursues research programs, pilot projects and teaching across the spectrum from theory and analysis to practical advice and recommendations. The Centre is both a think tank and a source of policy-making tools and hands-on support for decision-makers.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1991, MSF Canada's mandate is to recruit medical and logistical personnel; to raise public awareness of the plight of the populations they treat and care for; and to finance their international projects by raising funds from the general public and from government institutions, such as the Canadian International Development Agency.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- *Medical assistance and training*

Médecins Sans Frontières offers assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict, without discrimination and irrespective of race, religion, creed or political affiliation.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

In carrying out humanitarian assistance, MSF seeks also to raise awareness of crisis situations; MSF acts as a witness and will speak out, either in private or in public about the plight of populations in danger for whom MSF works. In doing so, MSF sets out to alleviate human suffering, to protect life and health and to restore and ensure respect for human beings and their fundamental human rights.

Human and Social Development -- *Promoting Respect for Human Rights*

It is part of MSF's work to address any violations of basic human rights encountered by field teams, violations perpetrated or sustained by political actors. It does so by confronting the responsible actors themselves, by putting pressure on them through mobilization of the international community and by issuing information publicly. In order to prevent compromise or manipulation of MSF's relief activities, MSF maintains neutrality and independence from individual governments.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is a relief, service, community development and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. MCC is supported by 15 different Mennonite groups and the Brethren in Christ, as the relief, development and service arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada and the United States. MCC operates at both a provincial and national level in Canada. MCC Canada was founded in 1963. There are five provincial MCCs: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. They are independently incorporated, with their own boards of directors, and carry the programming and fundraising responsibilities in their province. Operations in Quebec and Atlantic Canada are the responsibility of the national office.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty***

Overseas MCC is involved in development work such as education, health and agriculture, peace and justice issues, relief work and job creation, among other things. It also operates Ten Thousand Villages, which purchases crafts from developing world artisans and crafts persons for sale in North America.

In North America MCC is involved in immigration and refugee assistance, job creation, working with Native people, people with disabilities, offenders and victims of crime and more. MCC help is offered to all, regardless of race, religion or political orientation. As a relatively small agency, MCC believes it can best serve by looking for people who have fallen between the cracks of larger programs.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

Wherever possible, MCC works with local partners overseas. Usually these partners are local church groups, including Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and other churches. Other local partners include women's groups, farmer's cooperatives and government agencies. MCC sees its role as a facilitator, not as a controller of projects and programs. In North America, MCC also works with local agencies; MCC operates few programs of its own, instead placing volunteers with existing agencies.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Centre draws together academics such as lawyers, criminologists, economists, sociologists, political scientists and researchers and practitioners from other fields to focus on the diverse issues related to organized crime and corruption. Among other objectives, the Centre facilitates a range of interdisciplinary research projects that will provide empirical information about, and analysis of, organized criminal and corruption activity in Canada and elsewhere. The Centre wishes to study the effectiveness of enforcement strategies, domestic and international legislation, extradition, international intelligence and cooperative investigative regimes.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange-- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The Nathanson Centre links with other international research institutes addressing crime and corruption in a world without borders, and works with domestic partners including experts in government agencies, police forces, law practices, business and financial institutions, accountancy, forensic investigation, and non-government organizations.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1963, Oxfam Canada is a non-profit international development organization that supports community programmes in food security, health, nutrition and democratic development with an emphasis on working with women. Oxfam Canada is one of the 12 Oxfam organizations around the world that form Oxfam International. Together they are working to tackle the root causes of poverty, social injustice and inequality. Oxfam Canada is an international development agency committed to the equitable distribution of wealth and power through fundamental social change. They work in relationships of solidarity and partnership to eradicate poverty, underdevelopment and powerlessness. Oxfam Canada is engaged in a development process which recognizes the imperative of social justice, a sustainable environment and the equality of all people.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty***

Oxfam Canada works with partner organizations in over 20 countries in Africa, Central and South America and the Caribbean to help people tackle the root causes of poverty, social injustice and inequality, creating self-reliant and sustainable communities. They also respond in times of emergency situations. At home, Oxfam educates people on issues of global poverty and advocates for positive changes in policies that directly affect the world's poor. Working in collaboration with other members of Oxfam International, Oxfam Canada responds to humanitarian crises around the world caused by environmental disaster and war with a strong emphasis on helping people rebuild and rehabilitate their communities. They also stress disaster prevention in their ongoing programmes.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

Oxfam Canada undertakes advocacy within Canada to promote policies that will enhance efforts at international development supports the national and international advocacy work of overseas partners, and participates via Oxfam International in advocacy related to international institutions such as the World Bank and the World Trade Organization.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Partnership Africa Canada (PAC) is a coalition of Canadian and African NGOs working together on issues of human rights, human security and sustainable development. In collaboration with its members and other organizations, PAC undertakes research and policy dialogue initiatives on issues affecting Africa.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups – *Advocacy*

Partnership Africa Canada has three goals. First, it seeks to help its African and Canadian members to strengthen their skills in the area of policy and advocacy relating to issues of sustainable human development in sub-Saharan Africa. Second, it looks to promote, among African, Canadian and international decision-makers, the adoption and implementation of policies that foster sustainable human development in sub-Saharan Africa. Finally, PAC promotes greater understanding of, and commitment to, sustainable human development in sub-Saharan Africa, among both Canadian and African publics.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Peace Brigades International (PBI) is a unique grassroots organization exploring and implementing nonviolent approaches to peacekeeping in areas of violent conflict and repression, offering unarmed protective accompaniment to individuals, organizations and communities threatened by violence and human rights abuses. PBI is supported by country groups around the world. Founded in Canada in 1981, Peace Brigades sent its first peace team to Guatemala in 1983. Peace Brigades currently works in Colombia, Mexico, Indonesia and Chiapas (Mexico) through a joint project with SIPAZ. PBI's nonpartisan efforts are supported by a global network of foundations and individuals. PBI teams have protected the growth of civil society in El Salvador, Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Native communities in North America, Haiti, and the Balkans.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Security -- Security sector / Peace keeping

Peace Brigades International provides nonviolent international peacekeeping in areas of violent conflict and repression, offering unarmed protective accompaniment to individuals, organizations, and communities threatened with violence and human rights abuses. In extreme, life-threatening situations, the Emergency Response Network (ERN) of Peace Brigades International provides a vital backup to the regular accompaniment work. When a person or persons whom PBI volunteers accompany are threatened, captured, imprisoned or "disappeared", immediate international pressure in the form of faxes, E-mails and letters to the appropriate authorities can have a significant deterrent effect.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

A conference entitled Peace Through Health was held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada in October 2001. This conference, seen as first of a series, focused on establishing shared understandings of peace-building through health, and the implications for medical education. The conference is seen as a way-station in an ongoing critical dialogue on crucial issues in the health-to-peace area.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- *Research methods and evaluation*

The Peace through Health initiative hopes to further the dialogue by exploring the fundamental principles of "peace through health", assessing the impact of health-based activities on violent conflict and teaching this new body of theory and principles to health professionals.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Physicians for Global Survival (PGS) is a physician-led organization, which out of concern for global health, is committed to the abolition of nuclear weapons, the prevention of war, the promotion of non-violent means of conflict resolution and social justice in a sustainable world. PGS, often in cooperation with other organizations, uses its health expertise as the basis for education campaigns directed to the public and governments to promote policies that will create a healthier, safer and more sustainable world. PGS is the Canadian affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), which has over 60 active affiliates around the world. IPPNW was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985 for its work to educate health professionals, political leaders and the public about the medical consequences of nuclear war. IPPNW has UN consultative status.

PGS physicians believe that the greatest single threat to public health and human survival is nuclear war. At the same time, PGS are deeply disturbed by the major public health catastrophes and human suffering caused by localized wars and the reliance on violence for the resolution of political conflicts. PGS works to prevent wars and limit the scale of suffering caused by war. PGS is committed to fostering student participation in the organization.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance and transparency*

PGS uses its health expertise as the basis for education campaigns directed to the public and governments. These campaigns promote policies that will create a healthier, safer and more sustainable world. PGS has on going programs such as Abolition of Nuclear Weapons, Current Citizen Action, War Prevention, Peace through Health and Youth Voice that are a result of this drive.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange

PGS co-founded the Canadian campaign to ban land mines through Mines Action Canada (MAC), which led the civil society campaign in Canada for an international treaty to ban land mines. In 2001, four years after opening the Mine Ban Treaty for state signatures, 117 countries are Parties to the Treaty.

Research

PGS is active in collecting and analyzing research related to the health effects of small arms in cooperation with its international affiliate IPPNW.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

Approximately 200,000 people die annually in armed conflict due to small arms and light weapons. A large percentage of these casualties are women and children. PGS works to support initiatives to limit the spread of small arms and light weapons.

Project Ploughshares

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Project Ploughshares operates under the belief, shared by all of the sponsoring churches, that war can be avoided, that the use of force in national and international relations is to be minimized, that conflict is to be resolved as much as possible in the interests of justice and without resort to violence, that the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons cannot be justified under any circumstances and are contrary to the will of God, and that scarce resources are to be used for human development rather than for arms and the build-up of the capacity to destroy.

The mission of Project Ploughshares, rooted in the faith commitment to seek peace and to pursue it, is to carry out research, analysis, dialogue, and public education on peace and security issues to advance their understanding and knowledge of the roots and causes of armed conflict, and the measures and policies that are conducive to achieving a more peaceful world. The program focuses on the pursuit of policies and practices designed to advance the elimination of nuclear weapons that are a threat to local and global security, to pursue ways of progressively reducing the resort to military force in response to political and social conflict, to advance controls on the supply of arms in order to reduce the availability of the weapons that transform political and social conflict into war and violence, and to support positive measures to build conditions of sustainable peace that enhance the security of people in their homes and communities.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

Ploughshares supports and promotes ways in which the international community can be more effective in intervening for the constructive non-violent resolution of conflict. It is involved in two projects in the Horn of Africa that pursue peace building in a conflict setting.

Security -- *Promoting good governance*

Ploughshares has participated in an international network of NGO's working to promote a Code of Conduct on arms transfers. The proposed code has been endorsed by a group of Nobel Peace Laureates and working with legal experts to set the code into the existing human rights and humanitarian norms and obligations. Ploughshares has participated in an international steering committee exploring the ways in which to support a universal code of conduct to restrain the international arms trade. It is one of the founding organizations of IANSA.

Marking, Record Keeping and Tracing -- *Establishing records*

Ploughshares continues to document and analyze Canadian weapons production and sales, as well as purposes Canadian export control changes to improve Canada's record in restricting military sales to countries with serious human rights violations and/or countries engaged in armed conflict.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

Ploughshares has worked as consultants to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kenya in support of preparations for a Kenya sponsored regional conference on small arms which produced the "Nairobi Declaration" and the Tackling Armed Violence in Latin American Societies: The Issue of Small Arms in Rio de Janeiro.

Collecting and Destroying Excess Weapons and Ammunition -- *Voluntary surrender and amnesty*

Ploughshares' ongoing program to reduce reliance on military force in pursuit of international security focuses on projects to re-examine military humanitarian intervention and to prepare for an anticipated public review of Canadian defense policy.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Best known for its work on nuclear disarmament, Pugwash is concerned with all causes of global insecurity. The approach taken by Pugwash is best explained by introducing its origins and its ongoing emphasis on conferences of influential scientists and scholars. Nuclear disarmament is and has always been of central importance to Pugwash. Other peace and security issues are also recognized for their major importance in relation to global security: Non-Nuclear Threats to Peace and Security, Institutions for a New World Order, Conflict Resolution, Environment and Global Security, Health, Social and Economic Issues.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

The purpose of the Pugwash Conferences is to bring together, from around the world, influential scholars and public figures concerned with reducing the danger of armed conflict and seeking cooperative solutions for global problems. Meeting in private as individuals, rather than as representatives of governments or institutions, Pugwash participants exchange views and explore alternative approaches to arms control and tension reduction with a combination of candor, continuity, and flexibility seldom attained in official East-West and North-South discussions and negotiations

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The QPHA is an autonomous non-profit public health association which develops links with Canadian and international communities of public health. Its primary role is to promote, improve and maintain the health and the well-being of the population of Québec. The QPHA acts as a forum for speakers in public health. The QPHA unites actors at the institutional, professional and community levels, allowing them to take positions on key public health issues and develop and maintain alliances within the public health sector.

The Quebec Public Health Association has been active in advocating stricter controls on the legal transfers of small arms in order to prevent their misuse and diversion. The QPHA has been active at the international level in the development of the OAS agreement as well as the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Commission as well as the UN 2001 Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms in all its aspects.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

The QPHA creates and maintains alliances with partners working in the field of the public health. These partnerships can take the form of collaborations for the organization of conferences, the formation of coalitions to promote actions in public health and the realization of communication projects to promote various issues related to public health.

Health -- *Research methods and evaluation*

The QPHA brings light to various public health issues that have yet to be explored and discussed within the media and government sectors. By doing so, it can question various policies in order to bring about concrete action and change. In 1998, SAFERNET hosted a series of workshops to identify research available and gaps related to small arms and firearms.

As part of the Biting the Bullet series, SAFERNET initiated and completed an extensive study of illicit trafficking and the role of domestic legislation. In cooperation with the Centre for Disease Control (Atlanta) and IPPNW, SAFERNET has developed workshops and training materials on small arms and Coalition Building. In cooperation with IPPNW and HELP, SAFERNET has prepared a series of reports as well as workshops on small arms.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Collaborating Centre seeks to contribute at the international level to research and development and the dissemination of intersectorial approaches to promote safety and prevent intentional and unintentional injuries.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Health -- *Injury prevention education*

The Québec WHO Collaborating Centre for Safety Promotion and Injury Prevention comprises a number of institutions in the Québec public health network. Under their respective mandates, these organizations develop a number of activities to promote safety and prevent intentional and unintentional injuries. These activities cover an array of fields of intervention, i.e. safety promotion and injury prevention in urban areas, in the transportation sector and the home, and in conjunction with leisure activities and sports. They also cover the prevention of violence and suicide. The Centre was one of the principal organizers of the World Injury Prevention Conference as well as international strategies to reduce injury.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Save the Children was founded in London on 19th May 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb. Driven by the appalling plight of the starving children in the wake of the First World War, she became determined to champion the rights of children and succeeded in raising funds to send food and medicine to the children in war-torn Europe. The Save the Children philosophy, which was based upon the belief that children were entitled to rights which would be upheld and respected, rapidly spread and was adopted by like-minded people in a number of countries where organizations bearing the same name were formed. Save the Children Canada works in 12 countries world wide, including Canada, while the Save the Children Alliance, made up of 29 members, works in over 100 countries. The main objective of the Alliance is to ensure children's rights to survival, development, protection and participation.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy, promoting general child welfare***

Save the Children Canada pursues its mission through community development and advocacy in partnership with local communities in Canada and overseas to assist, enable and empower them to improve the quality of life of children.

Health -- *Medical Assistance*

Save the Children ensures a Rapid Response to emergencies, so as to save endangered lives, ensure physical and emotional well being, provide protection from exploitation and abuse, and advocate for children's rights.

The Small Arms Firearms Education and Research Network (SAFER-Net)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

SAFERNET, is a network of University based researchers around the world which collects and disseminates research relevant to :

- The impact of small arms/firearms on health and safety on an international basis.
- National profiles including approaches to small arms/firearms regulation and efforts to prevent misuse and proliferation.
- Links to sources of information in academic, scientific and governmental publications.
- SAFERNET is one of the nodes in the Small Arms Survey and has prepared a series of reports in support of the 2001 and 2002 editions on issues such as accessibility, economic effects, gender and domestic legislation.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Cooperation and Information Exchange Research

The site contains information on the various aspects of, and provides different perspectives on firearms death and injury. Topics covered include:

- Firearms injury as a public health issue.
- The economic effects of small arms proliferation and misuse.
- The use of firearms against vulnerable groups (e.g. women, children) during conflict, in crime and in domestic settings.
- The connection between licit and illicit small arms markets.

The site also provides current information available concerning small arms/firearms and their effects in individual countries. These national profiles include data concerning:

- The rate of firearm ownership.
- Death, injury and crime rates resulting from the misuse of firearms.
- The licit and illicit sources and types of firearms that are misused.
- Domestic legislation.
- Public opinions and attitudes.

Establishing Information Systems

SAFERNET has compiled documented cases of illicit trafficking in an effort to identify patterns.

Health

SAFERNET was a participant in the development of national injury prevention curriculum and is currently adapting it to the international context.

Research and Evaluation

SAFERNET has published a series of papers which examine the empirical evidence related to initiatives aimed at small arms.

Technical Advice

SAFERNET has provided expert advice on a variety of technical aspects of legislation and implementation. As part of a CIDA contract, SAFERNET has provided technical support to the South African Police Service on legislation, systems, and communications.

Advocacy

SAFERNET has conducted theoretical and empirical research regarding advocacy approaches and techniques.

Working with Vulnerable Groups

As part of the UN study on Women in Conflict, SAFERNET has published several papers on the gender effects of small arms.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

South Asia Partnership (SAP) Canada is a forum of Canadian organizations that, together and with South Asian partners, works for sustainable human development in the region. Established in 1983, SAP encompasses a wide range of organizations. It has 22 member organizations, primarily international development NGOs working in South Asia, plus a much larger constituency of NGOs, social justice groups, universities, research and policy institutes, South Asian Canadian groups and corporations in Canada. The linkage between the SAP Canada network and the South Asian regional network of SAP partner organizations is unique. SAP Canada is the only Canadian organization to bring together a wide array of Canadian and South Asian partners for the sole purpose of promoting human development in South Asia.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty*

SAP Canada serves as a forum of Canadian organizations that, together and with South Asian partners, works for sustainable human development in the region.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

SAP Canada facilitates the sharing of ideas, experience and resources among organizations and the Canadian public on South Asian development.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

SAP Canada mobilizes Canadian support for and participation in the development programs of SAP International member organizations and their partners.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Street Kids International is a non-profit organization founded in Canada in 1988 with the purpose of empowering street kids around the world. By bringing ideas, tools and connections to the people that work with street children and youth, Street Kids International has a global impact far beyond its small size. They focus their experience and creativity on spreading knowledge and practical methods for helping street children and youth to help themselves.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Promoting general child welfare*

Through a wide variety of programs, Street Kids International engage youth to actively participate in their self-empowerment. Most of Street Kids International's activities involve a high level of interactivity between the youth and the organization. Recently, Street Kids International launched a Business Tool Kit to help kids develop entrepreneurial skills within their local economic environment.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to work exclusively for realization of children's rights as set forth in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). UNICEF works with government and non-government partners to provide community based services in primary health care, nutrition, basic education and safe water and sanitation.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Human and Social Development-- *Eradicating poverty***

UNICEF works with all its partners towards the attainment of the sustainable human development goals adopted by the world community and the realization of the vision of peace and social progress enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Promoting general child welfare*

UNICEF responds in emergencies to protect the rights of children. In coordination with United Nations partners and humanitarian agencies, UNICEF makes its unique facilities for rapid response available to its partners to relieve the suffering of children and those who provide their care.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The United Church of Canada is the largest Protestant denomination in Canada. They minister to over 3 million people in 3820 congregations across the country.

The United Church has always been vocal and influential about relationships of people with one another. Continuing in the traditions of its founding denominations, the United Church has spoken out strongly and consistently on highly controversial subjects and is engaged in ongoing study and statements on such issues as nuclear power, the right of farm labour to organize, abortion, capital punishment, racial injustices, guaranteed annual income, land use, refugees, the massive problem of poverty both at home and abroad and numerous other issues. In all such matters they provide educational resources for their members and they make their official positions known to governmental or other appropriate agencies.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Working with Vulnerable Groups**

The United Church carries out its wider ministry through coastal missions, Native congregations, hospitals, ethnic ministries, rural and urban work and homes for senior citizens, children and unmarried mothers. It provides services to alienated youth and people with alcoholism and it operates half-way homes for released prisoners. Its chaplains serve hospitals, universities, prisons, and homes for the mentally and physically disabled.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The United Nations Association in Canada is a non-profit national organization dedicated to promoting the objectives and programmes of the United Nations through educational and advocacy work with the widest possible range of the Canadian public. UNAC offers individual Canadians the opportunity to play an active role in promoting Canadian understanding of, interest in, and support for the United Nations.

The Association offers educational programmes and services for people of all ages and those services are provided through a National Office in Ottawa working in collaboration with a network of Branches spread across the country. The Association is the effective UN Information Centre for Canada. It also coordinates non-government and related activities around major UN events and special dates.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Building good governance*

In order to promote good governance, the UNAC brings forth eminent Canadian and international speakers who participate in conferences, seminars and other public events organized by the Association. Additionally, the UNAC participates in press briefings to encourage more extensive and better informed international and foreign policy coverage in the Canadian media.

Consultation, Co-Operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition Building*

The UNAC has a quarterly Bulletin as well as special publications to inform both Association members and the general public about the UN and international affairs. The Association addresses statements on current issues to the Government and to Parliamentary Committees that contribute to the development of government policy.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

War Child is a network of independent organisations working across the world to help children affected by war. So far War Child has been working mainly in the former Yugoslavia, but are now developing plans to expand their field of operations to include some of the other thirty wars that are currently affecting millions of children around the planet

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- Promoting general child welfare, post-conflict

War Child Canada is implementing programs to help war affected children around the world. War Child Canada is also working with young Canadians by providing them with tools to be heard and effect change by encouraging them to take action.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

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Organization's mandate/goals:

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was founded in April 1915, in the Hague, the Netherlands. The aims and principles of WILPF are to bring together women of different political beliefs and philosophies who are united in their determination to study, make known and help abolish the causes and the legitimization of war; to work toward world peace; total and universal disarmament; the abolition of violence and coercion in the settlement of conflict; the strengthening of the United Nations system; the continuous development and implementation of international law; political and social equality and economic equity; co-operation among all people; and an environmentally sustainable development. Believing that under systems of exploitation these aims cannot be attained and a real and lasting peace and true freedom cannot exist, WILPF makes it its duty to further by non-violent means the social transformation that enables the inauguration of systems under which social, political and economic equity for all can be attained, without discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, or any other grounds whatsoever. WILPF sees as its ultimate goal the establishment of an international economic order founded on the principles of meeting the needs of all people and not on those of profit and privilege.

WILPF has consultative status at the UN and has been active at both the Disarmament Commission and the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission. It hosted a series of workshops in the lead up to the UN 2001 Conference and is active in the IANSA Women's Network.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom participates actively in NGO committees around the UN. WILPF takes a keen interest and participates in joint NGO efforts for the ratification of the CTBT, having campaigned vigorously against nuclear testing, and in the NPT review process. WILPF efforts to bring about disarmament and an end to the war system, together with governments, multilateral bodies and NGOs. In the latter case, WILPF works closely with disarmament and peace organizations and above all women's organizations and individuals to make the achievement of disarmament and peace their responsibility.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

WILPF works to make women aware of their potentials and unique skills, and also of their responsibilities they must assume, to identify the root causes of conflict, prevent war and build peace. WILPF strongly supports the development and realization of the UN Charter and various international conventions and treaties. Following the work of the UN and of many of its agencies and programmes, WILPF finances two to three young women interns to learn about the UN and the work of international NGOs.

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Organization's mandate/goals:

World Vision Canada is a Christian humanitarian relief and development agency, working with partners in over 80 countries. Area Development Programs (ADPs), the primary model for WV work, pursue integrated development with local leadership and a child-focus. In some cases peacebuilding components are incorporated in the design and implementation of ADPs, including demand reduction for arms. In conflict situations, WV tries to incorporate local capacity-building into emergency relief.

The Children and Armed Conflict Working Group is a network of NGOs working for protection of the security and rights of children in situations of conflict. The Watchlist project provides a mechanism to monitor, report, and advocate on all dimensions affecting children in specific situations, including small arms and advocate for effective measures, using Security Council resolutions dealing with Children and Armed Conflict.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Export Controls and Enforcement

-- *Codes of conduct, regulations and procedures for export and in-transit shipping.* The Implementation of small arms provisions in SC resolutions on Children is strong advocacy goal of World Vision.

-- *Monitoring and ensuring proper end use of small arms and light weapons (SALWs).* The Watchlist for Children and Armed Conflict is a tool to monitor and advocate on specific situations.

Security

-- *Promoting good governance*

Their development programs work with local governments to strengthen security, reduce local conflicts, and provide alternate dispute-resolution mechanisms.

Human and Social Development

-- *Eradicating poverty*

Their integrated development programs include a wide range of support to meet local needs.

-- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

Peacebuilding measures are incorporated into many development programs. Small arms control is a component of a peacebuilding project on the border of Kenya and Uganda among cattle-herding people groups.

-- *Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"*

Their demand reduction project in Ethiopia is being used to explore options in other programs

-- *Promote respect for human rights*

Community education programs in child rights helps to prevent recruitment and resort to violence by teens.

Disarmament and Reintegration

-- *Reintegrating combatants into society*

WV has youth-focused reintegration projects in several places, including northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, Congo, Bosnia, Cambodia, Burundi, Sri Lanka.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange

-- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict provides a mechanism to combine information from various NGOs on specific situations

Working with Vulnerable Groups

-- *Promoting general child welfare, post-conflict*

Child protection, emergency assistance, and education in emergencies include components focused on preventing violence.

-- *Child soldiers' needs, post-conflict*

Child soldier reintegration programs in Sierra Leone, Northern Uganda, Cambodia, and other places provide alternatives to gun-culture for youth.

-- *Advocacy*

WV has formed a Small Arms Group within the Partnership Advocacy team to focus on working with individual offices on practical ways they could be involved in the next steps on this issue. Children and Armed Conflict NGO group includes small arms in their advocacy for protection of the security and rights of children.

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I have been involved in the discussion surrounding the adoption of the Canadian legislation and regulations concerning firearms.

-- *Training customs, law enforcement and intelligence officials*

As a law professor, I have the abilities to provide training for these groups of people, specially in French.

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