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Canadian Forces Roles Abroad

Canada's Responsibilities to the World:

Mr. Gaetan Lavertu

"International security is one of the three pillars of the Government's foreign policy: the others are international economic and trade policy; and the promotion of Canadian values and culture. There are obvious linkages between them, and I will touch on some of these as I proceed."

Canada's Responsibilities for Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement:

Major-General Romeo Dallaire

"It is my personal opinion, based on my experience in Rwanda with the UNAMIR, that there is a requirement and an obligation by the international community to reform the United Nations into an organization which pro-actively intervenes in crises and, should the situation degenerate, be in a position to effectively manage security crises and respond in a timely fashion to the increasing number of humanitarian disasters."

Canada's Other Military Responsibilities to the World:

Brigadier-General(Ret'd) Robert Dobson

"World order is undergoing a great and rapid transition. It is at crossroads with respect to geopolitical and security relations. On the one hand, there appears to be some prospect of strengthened global community and strengthened international organizations. On the other, the danger does exist that the coming era may be marked by widespread confrontation and civil strife."

Roles Abroad for Reservists:

Brigadier-General Gary S. Thomson

"Just as the roles that have been carried out so far have come about because of a combination of necessity, due to a shortage of full-timers, and at least equally a willingness by those in command to allow the Total Force concept to

prove itself, it became more and more clear to me as I thought about this, that there are many more roles which Reservists are almost uniquely suited for, in many cases without extensive work-up training."

Panel Discussion: Canada's Military Roles Abroad

David Code, Moderator

Prof. Janice Stein, University of Toronto

Comdr. Peter Haydon(Ret'd), Dalhousie University

Major-General Leonard Johnston(Ret'd)