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All Politics Are Global: Canadian Foreign Policy in an Inter-connected World

Group of 78 Annual Foreign Policy Conference

September 26– 28, 2008
Marriott Residence Inn, 161 Laurier Ave. West, Ottawa

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Conference Chair: Mr. Bill Whillans

Objectives:

- **To provide an opportunity for further understanding and discussion of the interconnected nature of key elements of Canadian foreign policy**
- **To continue to build the substantive framework for a revitalized, long-term progressive Canadian foreign policy**
- **To examine the means by which civil society can help restore Canada's position as a leader in the pursuit of peace and sustainable development**

Friday, 26 September

7:00 Reception and cash bar - **Sir Guy Carleton Room**

7:30 **Dinner**
Keynote Speaker: **Ms. Carolyn McAskie**

**former United Nations Assistant Secretary- General
for Peacebuilding Support**

*Address by Carolyn Mc Askie
Canada in the World: Image and Reality
September 26, 2008*

Saturday, 27 September

8:00 **Registration and Continental Breakfast – Sir Guy
Carleton Room**

8:45

Opening and Welcome

Chair: Mr. Bill Whillans

Welcome: Mr. Richard Harmston , Chair, Group of 78

9:00

**General Theme: PEACE, JUSTICE, SURVIVAL – The
Interconnections**

**Panel: PEACE, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND
GOVERNANCE**

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Remond, Board member, Group of
78

Panelists: Ms. Peggy Mason, Chair, Peacebuild

Mr. Robert Miller, President and CEO, Parliamentary Centre

10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:45 **Panel Discussion: DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMICS,
TRADE & ENVIRONMENT**

Moderator: Ms. Marjorie Robertson, Board member, Group
of 78

Panelists: Mr. John Foster, Energy economist

Mr. Bill Morton, Senior Researcher, North-South Institute

Mr. Stephen Hazell, Executive Director, Sierra Club

12:30 **Luncheon**

Speaker: Professor Manfred Bienefeld,

School of Public Policy and Administration and the Institute

of Political Economy , Carleton University

Topic: *Perspectives on the Present Economic Crisis*

2:00 **Panel - DELIVERING THE GOODS: How we make it happen**

Panel members will examine issues of policy development, outreach, alliances, advocacy and communications.

Panelists: Mr. Ian Smillie, International development consultant
Ms. Shirley Farlinger, Member, Science for Peace, Voice of Women, and Pugwash

3:30 **Tea Break**

3:45 **Concurrent Workshop Discussions on Foreign Policy - Sir Guy Carleton Room, Dorchester Room, Montcalm Room**

To identify specific positions and measures as elements of a progressive foreign policy for Canada

5:30 **Plenary: Wrap-up – Sir Guy Carleton Room**

Sunday, 28 September

8:00 **Continental Breakfast - Sir Guy Carleton Room**

9:00 **Reports from Working Groups and Presentation of Resolutions**

10:30 **Concluding Remarks**
Chair: Mr. Bill Whillans

10:45 **Break**

11:00 Group of 78 Annual General Meeting