



MO Report 2004 WFM – Canada

Contribute to the effective functioning of the new International Criminal Court

Last year the new International Criminal Court (ICC) began operations. Two "situations" are presently under active review by the ICC Prosecutor; one in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the other related to the conflict in Northern Uganda. Neither of these has reached the stage where it can be considered for possible trial by the Court. Notwithstanding persistent American efforts to undermine the ICC, Canada has played a leading role in getting the new Court up and running. In 2004, WFM will inform Canadians about the ICC and counter efforts to discredit or undermine the Court. We will monitor Canadian compliance with its obligations under the Rome Statute for the ICC, including the need to prosecute war criminals in Canada and Canadian ratification of important ICC-related treaties that enable Court officials to carry out their duties. And we will collaborate with partner organizations to work toward the goal of worldwide ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court

Democratize Global Governance

Citizens the world over are demanding national and international governance institutions that are more democratically accountable. World Federalist efforts to "democratize global governance" include (1) mobilizing elected officials in support of parliamentary assemblies alongside the UN and other international organizations; and (2) strengthening participation rights of civil society organizations at international organizations. We also support increased capacity, at the UN and elsewhere, for multilateral programming to promote and consolidate democracy at the level of the nation-state. In 2004 WFM will continue to work with parliamentarians to promote effective parliamentary assemblies at the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other key global governance institutions. And we will continue our work with the international World Federalist Movement to follow up commitments by government and civil society organizations at last year's International Conference of New or Restored Democracies.

Support more effective UN Peace Operations and the "Responsibility to Protect"

Post-conflict peacbuilding has become increasingly complicated and difficult, involving a variety of different actors, both civilian and government, carrying out complex operations with numerous objectives. These objectives can include: humanitarian relief; disarmament and re-integration of former combatants; reconstruction of national police and security institutions, the justice sector and other governance functions; economic development; developing a renewed civil society and the eventual restoration of democracy. Canada's contribution to United Nations Peace Operations has declined sharply in recent years. And Canada is not alone. At a time when peacekeeping is becoming more complex, governments are losing the political will to provide effective peace operations to rebuild war-torn states. They are diminishing the role of the UN and "contracting out," often to understaffed regional organizations. They are substituting ad hoc, fly-by-the-seai-of-your-pants decision-making for the international governance structures necessary to manage effective war-to-peace transitions. In 2004 WFM will expand upon recent successful efforts to mobilize Canadian civil society organizations under the "Peace Operations Working Group." We will continue to promote creation of a permanent UN Rapid Deployment Peace Force. We will promote wider international acceptance of the "Responsibility to Protect." And we will follow up efforts to incorporate the Responsibility to Protect" in Canada's Defence peacekeeping policy.

4. United Nations Reform

In the aftermath of the Iraq conflict, there is a growing recognition that the United Nations must be reformed if it is to continue to play a meaningful role in world affairs. UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has established a high-level panel that will study global security threats and reform of the United Nations organization. In **2004** WFM will convene an Experts Seminar that will contribute directly to the work of the High Level panel. We will serve as a focal point for UN reform issues among Canadian civil society organizations and media. And we will ensure that the Canadian government's recently announced "International Policy Review" includes effective measures to reform the United Nations system.

WFM Organizational Development

As a citizen-based non-profit organization, the World Federalist Movement - Canada depends on the commitment and involvement of its members and supporters. A volunteer Board of Directors governs the organization. In addition to a national office in Ottawa, there are active Branch programs in seven cities

across Canada, In 2004 WFMC will convene a National Members Meeting, May 7 & 8 in Montreal. We will expand our present communications activities - which presently include an up-to-date web site and our quarterly bulletin, "Mondial" - by implementing the 2004 Communications Action Plan. We will implement new programs to increase WFMC membership across Canada. And we will expand the newly-created World Federalist Youth Network through monthly Action Alerts and a network of university campus clubs.