

## **Map of the Thematic Series “Building More Effective UN Peace Operations”**

### **I. The Initiative**

Following a decade of unprecedented growth, UN peace operations are under increasing strain. The current level of overstretch, coupled with demands for new or expanded missions, presents a fundamental strategic challenge for the UN and its member states.

As the Secretariat and the Security Council examine future peacekeeping challenges, it is important that the voices of all member states are heard. The variety and depth of the problems involved suggest that it would be valuable to supplement formal discussions in the C-34 and other UN fora with an informal dialogue between member states and the Secretariat, Council members, leading practitioners from the academic and NGO community.

In support of this objective, the Canadian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, in cooperation with NYU’s Center on International Cooperation, will convene a series of panel discussions to explore critical issues confronting the future of UN peace operations. The series will draw on world class expertise from the practitioner, NGO, academic and UN communities.

It will consist of an introductory event surveying the symptoms and causes of Peacekeeping overstretch in May 2009. A further three panel discussions will be organized over the following 12 month period to allow for more in-depth discussion of priority challenges. A concluding session will provide an opportunity to reflect on the policy options raised throughout the series in the context of UN peacekeeping’s next ten years. Each event will be preceded by a short concept note, to be prepared by the Center for International Cooperation and circulated to all Member States.

### **II. Panel Discussions:**

**May 26, 2009**      **Panel 1 (Launch Event): “UN Peacekeeping in Crisis – symptoms, causes, and the way ahead”**

Welcome:      Ambassador John McNee, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Panelists:      Mr. Alain LeRoy, UN Under-Secretary-General, Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Ms. Susanna Malcorra, UN Under-Secretary-General, Department of Field Support

Moderator:      Dr. Bruce Jones, Director, Center on International Cooperation

**September 11, 2009**

**Panel 2: "Political Dimensions of Peace Operations"**

Welcome: Ambassador John McNee, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Panelists: Mr. Michael von der Schulenburg, Executive Representative of the Secretary-General, UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL)

Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Senior Fellow, Center on International Cooperation and Brookings Institution; former Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping

Moderator: Mr. Bruce Jones, Director, Center on International Cooperation

**November 2009**

**Panel 2: "Mandates and Modalities"**

Welcome: Ambassador John McNee, Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Panelists: Amb. Lakhdar Brahimi (TBC)

Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Patrick Cammaert, Former UN Military Advisor, Former Division Commander MONUC (TBC)

Moderator: Dr. Bruce Jones, Director, Center on International Cooperation

**January 2010**

**Panel 4: "Resourcing UN-mandated Peace Operations"**

**Feb/March 2010**

**Panel 5 (Concluding Session): "The Next Ten Years: Building on the Brahimi Report"**