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### Bio-Terrorism: Expansion vs Solutions

Ottawa, Canada

Bio-terrorism is a very wide-ranging problem, and it is therefore quite difficult to know who is developing such weapons of mass destruction. Iraq is a good example of this difficulty. After having reiterated several times the importance of multilateral arrangements between countries, Mr. George Betts, analyst at the Secretariat of Intelligence Services Evaluation of the Privy Council Office, said that the responsibility of the proliferation problem belongs to the country holding weapons of mass destruction. "It is an issue that must be examined globally and multilaterally all over the world." said Mr. Betts. "we can therefore only act with their collaboration." However, prevention programs are being implemented by countries such as the United States. The "Dark Winter" is one of them and represents an analysis of the population's reaction to the deliberate introduction of the small pox virus, thus allowing the government to evaluate the number of vaccines necessary to prevent an epidemic or even a pandemic outburst following a terrorist attack. ♦

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Le problème du bio-terrorisme est très vaste, donc il est très difficile de savoir qui possède un programme de développement d'armes de destruction massive... l'Iraq illustrant bien cette difficulté. Après avoir réitéré à maintes reprises l'importance d'élaborer des arrangements multilatéraux entre pays : « C'est une question que l'on doit regarder d'une façon globale et multilatérale partout à travers le monde », M. George Betts, analyste au Secrétariat de l'évaluation des services de renseignements du bureau du Conseil privé, a affirmé que la responsabilité du problème de la prolifération appartient au

pays possédant des armes de destruction massive, l'on ne peut donc agir qu'avec leur collaboration. Toutefois, des programmes de prévention sont mis sur pied par des pays comme les États-Unis; le « Dark Winter » en étant un et constituant en un exercice permettant d'analyser la réaction de la population à une introduction délibérée du virus de la variole, permettant donc d'évaluer le nombre de vaccins nécessaires pour prévenir une épidémie, voire même une pandémie suite à une attaque terroriste. ♦ *Fil de Nouvelles Europe*

### BREAKING NEWS: US About to Declare War on North Korea

Washington, USA



The Asian Express has learned that the United States Security Council has confirmed that the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea (DPRK) is smuggling nuclear weapons into Africa. According to this source, it is the belief of the United States that it is the intention of North Korea to arm nations against them. These events occur at a time when the US and North Korea have been trying to agree to a "memo of understanding" on nuclear weapons. Currently the US has rejected the six terms set out by North Korea and are currently drafting their own resolution for submission to the Security Council. According to this source if the resolution is not passed the United States is prepared to go to war with North Korea. North Korean member of National Defense Chon Pyong-ho has confirmed that the DPRK will defend themselves against any military action committed against them, but would not confirm whether they are prepared for war with the US. ♦

*Asian Express*

### FTAA: The South vs. the North

The US, Canada, Mexico and the EU have proposed a 'social charter' to address seven key areas of concern in developing nations. Canada would like to "combine Canadian expertise in development issues with the example of regional integration presented by the European Union." Latin American and Caribbean countries however



stated that "NAFTA compromises market sovereignty - economic priorities are not first." Meanwhile, the United States said agricultural subsidies to US farmers were a matter of "national sovereignty." A free trade area was an "all or nothing" proposition. El Salvador and the Dominican Republic said FTAA must be implemented in steps as most countries are not ready for completely open markets. Laws regarding environmental protection, labour rights and strengthening of institutions are imperative. ♦ *South American Services*



### Charlottetown Negotiations: a Slow Path to Union

Charlottetown, Canada

The substantial issues of each province in the Charlottetown conference are at a standstill. Despite the overly positive perspective of the premieres, the vital issues of the constituents are not being adequately addressed. John Hamilton Grey believes strongly that, "Political systems don't start civil wars, people start civil war." However, the interests of the people are taking a backseat as a political system is being created without solving significant problems relating to the organization and structure of the union.

The majority of premieres present at a press conference admit that they have only put forth ideas that cover economic trade, minority rights and transportation yet without finding viable means to implement the objective of a successful union. The impetus for such a union was prompted by Canadian defence and security concerns, in light of the American civil war. The Canadians are confident that they will be able reconcile the interests of the Eastern and Western Canada, without encountering a similar rift as emerged between the American North and South. ♦

*North American Times*

## Greater Commitment to World Hunger by G8 Called For at WFP

Ottawa, Canada

At the World Food Program conference, the amount of aid given and the means of its distribution was hotly contested. The representative of China stated that the situation is so severe in the developing world, that there must be greater investment in food aid given. China argued education to make the development sustainable was also important. She said that the G8 must take greater responsibility, adding that "it's up to them." The delegates from the Netherlands and Ireland expressed support for this initiative.

The delegate from Australia, however, said there is already many programs in place and accused them of not being efficient enough. This accusation did not end up holding very much weight, as the resolution started with the statement: "demands that commitment taken by member states of the WFP be carried out according to their initial promise to ensure long-term food stability". The statement also calls for long-term programs that can lead to sustainable development by not simply waiting for emergencies to provide aid. ♦

*African Press*

## La Mise en Place des Programmes pour Reveler le Niveau de Conscience en Matière Environnementale

Ottawa, Canada



À 10 h 35, la résolution 4.1 sur la dégradation environnementale en tant que source de conflits a été passée. Voici quelques aspects de cette résolution : la sensibilisation des gens aux enjeux environnementaux par le biais d'un plan éducatif des cours d'écologie obligatoires pour tous les étudiants des pays signataires, les conférences annuelles des jeunes

pour discuter les problèmes environnementaux, et une collaboration avec l'UNESCO pour établir des programmes d'aide financière pour les pays les plus défavorisés afin que tous les jeunes des pays signataires y soient sensibilisés. Deux types de rapports des pays signataires seront rédigés à propos des problèmes environnementaux et pour réduire éventuellement les conflits seront : 6.1 Une exploitation actuelle de ces ressources ; 6.2 L'impact que ces exploitations engendreront à court terme et à long terme sur toute la planète. ♦

*South American Services*

## Cooperation to Combat Sexual Exploitation

New York, USA

The third committee on the Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children has been working at a consistent domestic and regional level to cover the social, cultural and humanitarian needs of the International community. "Resolution 1.5 put forth by the European Union deals with everything related to the sexual exploitation issue, why it is happening, prevention, victims and the support needed by developing countries," said the delegate from Italy. The European Union's prime concern is awarding illegal immigrant women and children who are victimized through sexual trafficking the status of "victim."

The Middle Eastern bloc is advancing similar interests by sponsoring resolution 1.4, which overlaps but does not conflict with the EU resolution. "Resolutions 1.4 and 1.5 complete each other and address multiple sides of an issue," said the Greek and French representatives. Iraq has sponsored resolution 1.4 in an attempt to aid and give respect to women and children who are victimised. Iraq believes that in order for a successful solution to an International problem, change needs to start at home. In the case of Middle Eastern countries this would include policies that address the domestic crimes of rape and abduction. ♦

*North American Time*

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## Force militaire: le champ d'action de l'Union Européenne

Conseil de l'Union Européenne

Suite à une conférence de presse, l'on connaît maintenant la raison pour laquelle l'Europe se dote d'une force parallèle à l'OTAN. Le Conseil de l'UE a affirmé que les États-Unis devraient se réjouir de cette nouvelle, car cette force est créée afin de se distribuer les tâches pour être un véhicule international contre le terrorisme et voué à l'aide humanitaire. Selon le Conseil, les États-Unis croient que l'Europe n'a pas les ressources nécessaires pour une telle organisation étant donné la faiblesse qu'elle a ressentie face à l'éclatement de la Yougoslavie. Toutefois, les représentants affirment que cette force travaillera en collaboration avec les autres organisations, et ce, pour profiter de leur expertise. Et comme l'UE s'amuse à réitérer, les États-Unis ne peuvent pas défendre, seuls, la veuve et l'orphelin partout dans le monde. Et que penser de l'union militaire? Celle-ci est essentielle pour implanter une politique de sécurité commune. Elle sera établie afin de favoriser le maintien de la démocratie, de la paix et de l'intégration des pays dans l'Union. Le Conseil est encore en pourparler sur les prises de décision... chaque pays aura son droit de parole, mais seront-ils tous sur le même pied d'égalité? ♦

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