

Outline for a Presentation
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Introduction

International Context

- End of Cold War
 - death of Communism
 - triumph of market economics
 - US as the Single Superpower
 - The rise of the EU
 - The return of the UN
 - The dilemma/ambition of NATO

- The experience of Bosnia
 - Milosevic, Karagic, Mladic
 - The Contact Group
 - The G 7/8

- The examples of Rwanda and Srebrenica

- The conscience of humanity
- The 1992 warning of George H.W. Bush
- The cri de Coeur of Secretary General Kofi Annan Kofi Annan

Kosovo

- The UN blocked by a threatened Russian veto
- The Failure of the “Contact Group” at Rambouillet
- The OSCE tries its hand—but fails
- Canada on the UN Security Council
 - chair in February 1999
- “Uniting for Peace?”
- NATO goes to war
 - The Air Campaign
 - Boots on the Ground?
- The G8 Political Directors search for an end
- The intervention of Louise Arbour
- Ahtisaari, Talbot and Chernomyrdin
- G8 ministers draw up a UN Security Council Resolution

Consequences

- NATO strengthened
- Pentagon dissatisfied
 - Unilateralism
 - coalitions of the willing under US leadership
 - Iraq
- UN overburdened
- ICISS
- The Responsibility to Protect

Organization/management in Ottawa

- The Role of Political Director

- Interfaces with the G8
- Leads the interdepartmental task force
 - Whole of Government?
 - The Three “D”s (actually, mostly 2 “D”s)
- Cf Kosovo and Afghanistan
- The roles of the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and National Defence Minister—mini-Cabinet Committee
- The Foreign Minister and G-8 ministers

Lessons learned—and not