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***Effective Postwar Security and Reconstruction Requires
Detailed and Integrated Early Planning, Says New IRPP
Study***

***With Iraq in mind, the emphasis should be on reintegration, with
disarmament and demobilization seen as necessary prerequisites***

Montreal – A new study released today by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) argues that countries intervening militarily in civil wars, collapsed states and transitional societies need to follow up their war planning with peace planning, giving priority to re-establishing security after the shooting is over. And they must consider the wider security agenda in their overall mandate, campaign planning and training curriculum.

The paper, entitled “Military and Postconflict Security: Implications for American, British and other Allied Force Planning and for Postconflict Iraq,” by Dr. Ann M. Fitz-Gerald of the Department of Defence Management and Security Analysis, Cranfield University, United Kingdom Defence Academy, was written before the US military operations in Iraq began but anticipates it and other military interventions in the future.

“Security is the core business of the military and security sector reform must be incorporated into their mindset, mandate and operational planning,” argues Fitz-Gerald. Referring to the American-led war on Iraq, she says: “the requirement for postconflict peace and support to the security sector remains large and looming questions must be addressed and married with any proposed strategy to install an interim government or an international custodial administration.”

She stresses that overthrowing Saddam Hussein’s regime “will result in an extensive agenda for the international community to take on, particularly with regard to Iraq’s security structures — a potential vacuum which, if left unaddressed, will have a further fractious effect on the region.”

“Military and Postconflict Security” is the latest *Choices* study to be released as part of IRPP’s National Security and Interoperability series. It is now available on-line in Adobe (.pdf) format on the Institute’s Web site (www.irpp.org).

Please find the summary attached.

Dr. Fitz-Gerald, a Canadian, is also the author of “Multinational Land Force Interoperability: Meeting the Challenge of Different Cultural Backgrounds in Chapter VI Peace Support

Operations” (*Choices*, August 2002), and the co-author of “A National Security Framework for Canada” (*Policy Matters*, October 2002). These two papers are available free of charge on the Institute’s Web site.

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