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### *Canada in Afghanistan: IRPP Releases Report Assessing the 3-D Approach*

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**Montreal** – With Canada's Provincial Reconstruction Team's (PRT) deployment to Kandahar approaching, the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP.org) has released a report from a May 12-14 2005 conference entitled "Canada in Afghanistan: Assessing the 3-D Approach," which featured a keynote address by Defence Minister Bill Graham.

The report, drafted by Julian Wright (IRPP), highlights Afghanistan as Canada's most significant military deployment and largest aid program. It explores how the PRT presents an opportunity to implement the 3-D policy aimed at coordinating defence, development and diplomacy. But Afghanistan's security gaps, political fragmentation and inadequate quality of life all threaten the region's stability and pose serious challenges to the initiative.

"When assessing Canada's approach in Afghanistan, there is only one true certainty: that the Afghan people will ultimately decide on the future of 3-D in their country," says Wright in his concluding remarks.

The conference report is available on the IRPP Web site, at [www.irpp.org](http://www.irpp.org).

Academics, graduate students and practitioners from Canada and abroad gathered at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, Ontario to assess the impact of Canada's 3-D approach in Afghanistan, with particular focus on the Canadian Forces. The event was conceived by the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies (LCMSDS), the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), the Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism (CFPC) and the Academic Council on the United Nations system (ACUNS).

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