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What follows is the conference report from the first annual Peace and Stability Education Workshop, sponsored by the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute. This report has been transcribed verbatim from video and voice tapes of the plenary sessions, although the names have been deleted in accordance with our non-attribution policy. The reference CD to be sent to all participants will contain all the presentations and working group slides.

The workshop gathered general practitioners and subject matter experts from the military services, the U.S. Government, the United Nations, educational institutions and international and non-governmental organizations. The breakout groups worked diligently and provided new and perceptive recommendations to further the cause of education in what MG Huntoon, Commandant of the Army War College, referred to as an arcane science in his opening remarks. But if these recommendations are not acted upon no progress will be made. If we are still talking about these same problems at next year's workshop then we will have collectively failed. We need organizations and institutions to step up to the plate and take on those recommendations that they are able to influence in order to keep moving forward. PKSOI has provided one roadmap for a possible way ahead; we welcome alternative points of view. The only way we can collectively fall short is if we fail to act and not continue to move the ball forward.

PKSOI would like to thank each presenter and each participant for their dedication, time and effort in having made this workshop a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Agolia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

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