

## PREFACE

On June 19-21, 1988, the fourteenth annual summit of the world's seven major industrial democracies and the European Community will take place in Toronto. Given the importance of this event, the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies decided in the autumn of 1987 to devote its 1987-88 Bissell-Heyd Professorship of Canadian-American Studies to a major program of scholarly research, public education, and media relations on the issues, institutions and members of the seven-power summit.

In January of 1988, through the leadership of Chairman Dennis Flynn and Mayor Art Eggleton, the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and the City of Toronto joined the Associates of the University of Toronto in the United States as the major sponsors of an expanded series of summit-related educational activities, entitled "The Municipal Program on the 1988 Toronto Summit".

As part of the Municipal Program, the Research Group of the Centre for International Studies, under the direction of Professor John Kirton, Co-Director of Research, has been preparing since April 18 a weekly analysis of the gathering's likely significance, agenda, participants, and results.

These weekly analyses are exercises in forecasting, and focused on an event in which the leaders themselves seek to retain maximum freedom to determine their own agenda and activities during the meeting itself. Thus, the judgments contained herein are necessarily speculative, rather than definitive, and evolve as more information becomes known closer to the event.

Despite these characteristics, the Centre's weekly analysis, taken together, constitute a useful overview of the pressures, issues, personalities, prospects and possible results of the 1988 Toronto summit. They have been assembled and printed here to assist members of the media and the public prepare for, and understand, the summit.

While recipients are free to use, and quote from, the material contained herein, we would appreciate credit being given to the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies and the Municipal Program on the 1988 Toronto Summit.

The judgments contained in these analyses reflect the research and discussions of the Summit Research Group of the Centre for International Studies, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Centre for International Studies nor any views of the sponsors of the Municipal Program on the 1988 Toronto Summit.

Edited versions of these weekly forecasts have already been published in The Financial Post, whose support of our public education objectives we gratefully acknowledge.

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