Humanitarian Coordination Lessons Learned

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I. Introduction

The international Seminar on Lessons Learned on Humanitarian Coordination was jointly organised by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. It was made possible through a generous contribution of the Government of Sweden and was held in Stockholm on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 April 1998. The seminar brought together some 40 experienced humanitarian practitioners and policy makers from the donor, United Nations and NGO communities, and from regional institutions and governments in affected countries. The UN human rights, political/peacekeeping and development perspectives were also represented in order to encourage cross-fertilization among the different 'cultures' and actors involved in crisis countries.