

Appendix C:

Organizing Questions for the Spring 2002 USIECR Conference

First round of discussion: key questions

- What is a conflict assessment/conflict diagnosis?
- Is there a useful typology of conflict assessment activities?
- How can we make fuller use of theory and research?
- What cues can we take from bargaining theory?
- What tools or methods can we take from social science research to beef up conflict assessments?
- What strategic considerations should shape a conflict assessment process?
- Are there meaningful distinctions across domains of conflict resolution activity [litigated v. non-litigated context?]
- What are the respective roles of convenor/assessor/mediator?
- What is the role of convening agencies?
- What are the current roles of convening agencies in encouraging preparation of conflict assessments/conflict diagnosis?
- What special relationship, if any, does a conflict assessor have with a convening agency
- What ethical or practice problems does the special relationship pose