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Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau joins the QUEST: Filmmaker & Journalist Key-Note at University of Winnipeg's War-Affected Children Conference

WINNIPEG—It's been five years since the International Conference on War-Affected Children in Winnipeg. The goal? To move the international community to action.

Yet in the last decade alone, more than two million children have died as a result of war and some 15 million children have been displaced within their countries or made refugees. But are the rights of children better protected today and is Canada fulfilling its responsibility on the foreign policy and domestic fronts?

Alexandre (Sacha) Trudeau, documentary filmmaker ("Embedded" & "The Fence"), journalist, and director Canada World Youth and the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation joins a host of national and international speakers at The University of Winnipeg's third **OmniTRAX/Broe Quest** conference:

**War-Affected Children
Two Steps Forward: Looking Back & Facing the Future
September 9 & 10, 2005
on The University of Winnipeg Campus**

The conference is a free*, open to public, and brings together war-affected children and activists with educators, policy makers, members of the immigrant and refugee communities, researchers, students, and youth to consider how to make this a century of peace in which the rights of the child are globally respected, protected, and promoted.

As part of the War-Affected Children QUEST conference, the public is also welcome to attend the **Manitoba premiere of the National Film Board's *Peacekeepers* documentary by the Genie award-winning Paul Cowan on Friday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Conference Centre (330 Garry Street).**

For a complete OmniTRAX/Broe QUEST: War-Affected Children Conference program and list of speakers, please visit www.quest.uwinnipeg.ca

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*** Cost for lunch on Friday and Saturday: \$2 & Canned Good for the UWSA Foodbank.**

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