

Bob Mills (Member of Parliament, Foreign Affairs Critic, Reform Party of Canada):

- Canada's role as a diplomatic mediator has been distorted given the fact that he was advised by DFAIT not to go to either India or Pakistan.
- Canada's unique role is one of action, involvement and leadership.

***Nabil Malek (Canadian Egyptian Organization of Human Rights):**

- Religious freedom is at the core of democracies, without religious tolerance we cannot build democracies.
- Need to spread the culture of democracy to the Third World.

***Kathryn Graham (MakePeace International):**

- Should use the arts to raise awareness of religious persecution and to encourage action on behalf of its victims.
- Use creative resources to engage the media and politicians in the struggle to expose and eliminate religious persecution.

***Cheryl Hotchkiss (Amnesty International):**

- Need to also look at the persecution of women given the fact that such activities are part of an overall culture of religious intolerance.

***Thubten Samdup (Canada Tibet Committee):**

- In the case of Tibet it almost seems like a losing battle. We are fighting for the very existence of our people and culture.
- Can't help but be very cynical when we go through such an exercise as today and yet there is still not the political will to initiate real change. If human and religious rights are important then our leadership should have the guts to stand up.
- Calls for the immediate release of the Panchen Lama.