

Since July, terrorism has not diminished in Peru. Both the SL and the MRTA have maintained their levels of activity throughout the country and in some areas the situation has deteriorated even further. The country desperately needs an effective anti-subversion policy to bring the situation under control. Although such a policy has been promised, to date no concrete action has been evident.

Human rights organizations are very active in Peru, with Amnesty International and various church organizations documenting numerous cases of abuse. In October 1990, an international ecumenical delegation under the auspices of the World Council of Churches visited many areas of Peru and is expected to issue a damaging report on its findings.

CANADIAN POSITION:

Canada deplores human rights violations wherever they occur in the world and Peru is no exception. The Canadian Government, through its Embassy in Lima, maintains close contact with both human rights organizations and the democratically elected Government of Peru, making its concerns over human rights violations known at all appropriate occasions.

Canadian representatives will be actively working at the United Nations, in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, through organs of the OAS, and bilaterally with the Government of Peru to ensure that this deplorable situation is turned around.