

Oil and the Nigerian government. Shell may be persuaded to offer economic opportunities and to help reverse the environmental degradation in the country. This could be offered in return for several demands including fair trials for detainees and an amelioration of conditions in the prisons,

- the Canadian government participate in the CLA meetings at the end of May 1997 in an effort to explore ways in which the Canadian judiciary can better work with their counterparts around the world and in Nigeria in an effort to help resolve the judicial situation,
- the Canadian government support the request of the Nigerian judiciary for impartial international observers at the upcoming Ogoni trials of the remaining group of 18 detainees. This would be done by assisting those who have volunteered to attend by facilitating the issuing of visas etc.,
- the Canadian government consider issuing a minority report if a consensus is not reached at the New Edinburgh meetings, notwithstanding the polarization between Canada and the rest of the Commonwealth countries and the cultural sensitivities surrounding the discussions,
- the Canadian government support the creation of a web-site for several reasons, including fostering linkages between groups involved in and interested in Nigeria in an attempt to collaborate and coordinate activities, countering disinformation by the Nigerian government, keeping the issue on the front page, and engaging Canadian youth,
- the Canadian government support the work being done by the Canadian and the Nigerian judiciary by facilitating the supply of lap-tops to enable Nigerian lawyers to get on-line legal advice in general, and especially during trials.

In turn, the Commonwealth NGOs committed themselves to greater communication and coordination amongst themselves in order to be more effective, networking with Nigerian civil society through their own associations and encouraging training programs and student exchanges in fields that Canadian expertise is recognized e.g. constitutional issues, public legal education, sensitivity training, fact-finding and judicial ethics. As well, the NGOs committed to actively engaging other Commonwealth countries civil societies in continual and regular dialogue.