

8. Facilitate informed public discussion of the proposed OECD Multilateral Agreement on Investment and its impact on labour and human rights.

9. Encourage Team Canada to give equal voice to human rights organizations.

10. Ensure that Team Canada participants are sensitized to human rights abuses particular to the region in which they intend to do business.

11. Facilitate the use of informal organizations to promote human rights internationally. Involvement of civil society at the grass roots level is important and could be achieved through cultural exchanges, educational programs, promotion of regional and national human rights organizations. Canada should also strengthen linkages between Canadian organizations and groups and those in Asia-Pacific countries working for the protection of labour rights and human rights.

12. Ensure that representatives from minority and indigenous groups are present when addressing human rights issues.

13. Encourage the foreign service to become less Eurocentric, more flexible and more collaborative. This objectives could be helped by hiring more indigenous by hring more indigenous peoples and Asian-Canadians.

14. Facilitate cooperative discussion and exchange of information on human rights issues internationally.

15. Increase Official Development Assistance funds to established Canadian targets, including monies allocated to non-governmental organizations - i.e. support for civil society in Canada and the Asia-Pacific region. Reduction of poverty and improvement in living conditions will facilitate respect for human rights.

16. Direct attention to those groups particularly guilty of human rights abusers e.g. military and police.

17. Ensure that child labour and other child exploitation issues are covered under the umbrella of human rights.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

How can Canadians help indigenous peoples find a voice and role in Canada and in Asia-Pacific. Is this an appropriate or credible foreign policy objective.

Indigenous peoples can and need to speak for themselves and should be provided with the voice space to do so.