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projects designed to strengthen the institutions that uphold the rule of law.

The Latin American meeting also called for regular meetings of leaders of the United Nations, the organization of American states and other regional organizations, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank and other important international finance and development institutions to assess the impact of their policies on human rights and coordinate measures and strategies for the promotion and realization of human rights. This is a potentially very significant proposal which Canada would like to discuss with interested governments and international agencies alike.

Mr. Chairman, these ideas and others like them merit our careful attention and consideration. For it is through such practical and constructive approaches - in combination with the genuine commitment of governments to respect their citizens' human rights - that real progress can be made in pursuing the global realization of universally recognized human rights - economic, social, and cultural as well as civil and political. And it is in this way that the concept of the Right to Development can ultimately be given real meaning for all of our citizens.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.