

3. Recognize that the term "peoples" in the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights includes Indigenous Peoples, thereby recognizing that Indigenous Peoples have the right to self-determination (Article 1 of both covenants).
4. Oppose the collection and patenting of indigenous genes through the Human Genome Diversity Project. Canada should not allow the patenting of human genes, should ensure there is no state funding for such projects and should discourage Universities from undertaking such research.

■ Institutional Mechanisms

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para 204: (a) Seek to ensure that before policy decisions are taken, an analysis of their impact on women and men, respectively, is carried out; (b) Regularly review national policies, programmes and projects, as well as their implementation, evaluating the impact of employment and income policies in order to guarantee that women are direct beneficiaries of development and that their full contribution to development, both remunerated and unremunerated, is considered in economic policy and planning;

para 205(a): ...ensure mainstreaming of a gender perspective in all policy-making processes;

para 209: ...Encourage and support the development of national capacity in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition by providing resources and technical assistance so that countries can fully measure the work done by women and men, including both remunerated and unremunerated work, and, where appropriate, use satellite or other official accounts for unremunerated work.

In order to provide a gender-based analysis of the impact of policies and programs, there is a need to develop mechanisms for the collection of gender-disaggregated data. Furthermore, for the work of women to be valued and the status of women improved, data on unremunerated work of women should be gathered.

Recommendations

The Canadian government:

1. Continue to develop and apply improved methods for gender analysis of ODA projects, and to press for enhanced analysis by multilateral agencies.
2. Encourage and support the development of national capacity in countries of the South to undertake gender-impact analysis, to collect gender-disaggregated data and to fully measure the work done by women and men, including both remunerated and unremunerated work, and, where appropriate, use satellite or other official accounts for unremunerated work as agreed in the Beijing Platform (para 209).



■ Funds and Resources

Platform for Action

para 353: Adequate financial resources should be committed at the international level for the implementation of the Platform for Action in the developing countries, particularly in Africa and the least developed countries. Strengthening national capacities in developing countries to implement the Platform for Action will require striving for the fulfillment of the agreed target of 0.7% of the gross national product of developed countries for