

4) Even if Canada is unwilling to link trade with human rights, it should at least pay attention to the Mexican security crisis and to the growing human rights problem. The trade mission which recently visited Mexico ignored the Acteal massacre and other dimensions of Mexican human rights and security. This makes Canada look weak, visionless, and disinterested in the Mexican crisis.

5) More computers and cyber-training for Mexican NGOs would assist in bolstering Mexican democratic development, and would also promote human rights. Greater access to information, and greater national and international surveillance, are key here. This could also be used to build tighter NGO networks.

6) Canada should attempt to convince the US and Mexico to extract the Mexican military from participation in the struggle against narcotrafficking, since this contributes to corruption and human rights abuses.

7) Overall, Canada seems focussed only upon economic matters in Mexico. Canada's economic interests in the country depend on Mexican stability, which was falsely assumed as a 'given' during NAFTA negotiations.

The security crisis in Mexico is worsening, despite scant coverage in the mainstream media. Sound-bites which do appear in the media emphasize the growth of aggregate GDP, while failing