

Essential to the successful implementation of Phase III is the necessity of meeting with the main partners in each of the seven locations as well as in Guatemala City to establish their specific needs and their technical abilities.

It is the opportunity to determine the different levels of training needed, to ensure that the computer hardware is suitable and to establish whether there will need to be any software development for use by organisations in conjunction with the monitoring network.

Phase II is also a preliminary opportunity to try to get other NGOs involved in the network -- either through receiving the regular bulletins, or through their full participation by becoming a partner in the monitoring network.

Phase II also will be used to start the diplomatic negotiations with government agencies, such as the Ombudsman for Human Rights, regarding their involvement. As stated earlier, it is seen as advisable not to involve the judiciary at this stage. However it is an opportunity to assess at what stage branches of the government could be involved in the project.

This Phase is also vital for the public relations campaign. It is the opportunity to assess the level of development of the radio campaign which has already been initiated and to establish a Canadian involvement in enhancing it. It is the opportunity to assess the linguistic and cultural nuances which will make Canada's radio contribution distinctive. It will also be the main chance to see whether the concept of "democracy ads" will work on the country's buses, to talk to owners and persuade some to let their buses have a new paint job.

We would require approximately one week set up, to arrange meetings and itineraries, do necessary flight and hotel bookings etc. The only foreseeable delay is getting the necessary team together at the time we need to go.

We would report back within a week of return on the situation and the continuing viability of the project as well as details of negotiations with other participants. We would also be in a position to advise whether to continue with either or both public relations campaigns.

At this stage, when we have fully assessed the needs of our Guatemalan partners we will be in a position to provide specific details of Canadian partners who can play a role in Phase III of the project. And we will be able to provide a detailed Phase III budget

Phase II Team

The team for this Phase would be small, covering only the essential elements.

1. The project leaders. We would aim to send both project leaders. This will dramatically reduce the time required for the in-country assessments.