

continuous violations of basic human rights." This policy applies also to the ODA Program.

RECOMMENDATION

- ii) That all CIDA country program reviews and project approval documents include a section evaluating human rights according to explicit criteria as laid down in the policy framework;

Accepted with modification

The Department of External Affairs and CIDA will provide the Cabinet with the information available on human rights situations so that the Cabinet may take this aspect into account in determining the budget envelopes allocated to each country, and in determining the channels through which Canadian Official Development Assistance will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

- iii) That in making human rights evaluations, aid officials at all levels consult closely with Canadian NGOs with an established presence in the field;

Accepted

In evaluating human rights situations throughout the world, the Government concurs that the Department of External Affairs and CIDA should draw on the extensive experiences of Canadians working on the ground in many non-governmental organizations, universities, cooperatives, unions, private companies and other institutions. Information drawn from a variety of credible, objective sources is essential if the Government is to make conclusive judgments in the field of human rights which have important implications for Canadian foreign policy and Canada's development assistance programs.

RECOMMENDATION

- iv) That Canada work for changes to allow human rights concerns to be put openly on the agendas of the international financial institutions and, in addition, examine very critically multilateral loans to countries deemed "human rights negative" or "human rights watch".