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## **B) Human Rights in Francophone Africa**

The issue of democracy and human rights is of great concern to Canada. Consequently, CIDA recently launched a three-year, \$6-million program in Francophone Africa. The Canadian International Study and Co-operation Centre is responsible for applying this program, which will promote democratic culture and human rights by means of studies and training and awareness-raising activities. It will also support initiatives of partners in the African non-governmental sector and organizations such as human rights defence and advocacy associations.

## **C) The Fight against AIDS in Africa**

Canada is one of the most active countries in the international fight against AIDS. In more than 10 Francophone African countries, the Laval University Centre for International Health and Development Co-operation (CCISD) is currently offering a program for co-ordinating intervention. With the assistance of the national programs in place, the CCISD is supporting various projects in education, socio-psychological aid, epidemiological surveillance and the control of sexually transmitted diseases.

## **D) The Search for Oil in Senegal**

Since 1982, Canada has been helping Senegal to decrease its almost total dependence on imported oil. Aid in the oil sector focusses on various technical aspects of oil prospecting, as well as on personnel training. The drilling of a series of wells recently brought positive results when the Dian Niadio well led to the discovery of a natural gas deposit estimated at 600 million cubic metres. Development immediately began with the intention of producing electricity.

## **E) Scholarship Program**

With a budget of nearly \$8 million, the Scholarship Program promotes excellence in university studies that coincide with national priorities. It admits some 310 scholars, 270 of whom are enrolled in Quebec educational institutions. The remainder attend universities offering courses in French outside Quebec. Areas of study include forestry, agri-food, applied sciences, engineering, administration, education, social sciences and economics. The Quebec Department of Higher Education and Science is serving as the program's administration agency and as Secretary of the Selection Committee. Administration outside Quebec is provided by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

