

## **2. Realities of government and power structure**

Officers are asked to provide a brief description of the following points:

- What is the nature and extent of genuine democratic rule?
- Is there an accountable exercise of power?
- What is the degree of probity or corruption in government?
- What is the role of the military? Can government and administrations carry out their activities independent of the military? Is there civilian control and management in military-related affairs, budgetary and appropriation matters?
- What is the role of opposition groups in perpetrating human rights abuses?
- Are there any effective non-governmental voices in society?
- Evaluate the relative priority attached to the economic and social well-being of citizens, such as commitment to social programs, nuclear non-proliferation, responsible levels of military expenditures and responsible economic management.<sup>1</sup>

## **3. Declared commitment of government to human rights and democratic principles**

Officers should briefly cover any statement of policy and intent regarding the promotion of human rights and democratic principles.

## **4. Actual government performance and effective enjoyment of human rights by citizenry**

Officers are asked to provide an overall assessment of basic trends and key developments relating to the categories of rights outlined in Part II of the report, which are outlined below, particularly during the period under review. In this sub-section, there is obviously a need to look beyond statements of policy or intent and actually look at what a government has done to promote and protect human rights.

## **5. Areas requiring improvement/attention and prospects for advances in future**

Information provided in this sub-section should be useful in providing areas for Canadian government action and CIDA programming.

## **6. Relevant international treaty commitments, commitment to cooperate with international human rights mechanisms**

Officers are asked to provide in this sub-section any indication of the international community's concern about the human rights situation in their country of responsibility. Officers should mention the existence of resolutions by international and regional bodies (the

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<sup>1</sup> If any of these elements of the government's commitment to "good governance" has major bearing on the overall situation or on Canadian interests, cross-reference should be made as appropriate to any relevant separate reporting on these issues.