

sessions of the Informal Consultations and at various other meetings in Europe on migration, but perhaps its practical experience could be put to good use in some way.

Lastly, we must find ways of having our own dialogue with countries from which flows of asylum claimants are coming to Canada, alongside whatever group dialogue emerges from the collective "Country Assessment" exercise. In some cases this will mean still further emphasis on the need to correct human rights abuses (without necessarily connecting this with our narrow national concern about the flow of claimants); in other cases, where the flow seems mainly or solely economically motivated, we might want to display a basically sympathetic attitude towards the problems of emigration and "brain drain" which the country in question might be facing. Whether such dialogue takes place bilaterally or in international meetings, the key point is to counter the impression that Canada and other developed countries are retiring behind a fortress wall, oblivious to the problems of the developing world. We must present migration as a truly international problem, linked with other great world issues such as under-development, environmental degradation, and overpopulation, and that dealing with them together will be the great challenge of coming decades -- as indeed it will.

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Notes to Section XV

1. This point was included, for example, in the conclusions of the September 1991 Conference of European Ministers Responsible for Migration Affairs in Luxembourg.
2. These quotes are from a working paper prepared by the Secretariat of the Consultations.
3. Canada is participating in four of these studies (those on Sri Lanka, Somalia, Ghana and the CIS) but because of our current chairmanship of the Consultations, for the time being we are tactfully not leading any of them.
4. The initial discussion of the CIS by the group which met for the purpose indicated that it did not intend to become involved in economic aid; the reason given was that other organisations were already dealing with this aspect.
5. Very wisely, Canada's own statement added "l'explosion démographique" to this list.