

## Democracy/Human Rights: Summit Priorities

### QUESTION

What are Canadian priorities at the Summit for democracy and human rights?

### SUGGESTED REPLY

- Canadian priorities at the Summit for advancing democracy and human rights include:
- To advance women's equality and combat child abuse and exploitation.
- To strengthen the capacity of the OAS to promote democratic institutions, practices and values, especially through the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy, and to protect freedom of the press.
- To support initiatives in key areas in the preservation of democracy and the enhancement of human security (such as justice systems, civil society, the impact of illicit drugs on democratic legitimacy, protection of human rights and good governance).
- Maintain the independence and autonomy of the Inter-American human rights system, while strengthening its linkages with national systems for the promotion and protection of human rights.