

- . The ostensible purpose is to rationalize already depopulated villages to achieve more efficient land use and agro-industrial production and to facilitate provision of modern services to the population affected.
- . Twice in recent years the Romanian government has interfered with the participation of Romanian nationals in the work of the United Nations. In 1986, Canada and other countries protested the Romanian authorities' recall of Mr. Liviu Bota, Director of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research, and preventing him from returning to Geneva.
- . In 1988, several members of the UN Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities protested the refusal of the Romanian authorities to allow Mr. Dumitru Mazilu, a former member of the Sub-Commission and Rapporteur, to travel to Geneva to present his report on human rights and youth. The Romanians alleged he was ill, but refused to allow representatives to visit Mazilu. Subsequent reports indicate that Mazilu is able and willing to travel to Geneva, but has been prevented from doing so.

CANADIAN POSITION:

- . Canada has drawn the attention of the Romanian authorities to the concerns of Canadians about reported violations of human rights in Romania during official visits and consultations. We have repeatedly condemned Romania for its non-compliance with the Helsinki Final Act and specifically condemned Romania's selective approach to the Vienna Concluding Document of the CSCE.
- . We are actively following individual cases, especially those with a Canadian dimension, such as that of Laszlo Tokes, a Protestant pastor of the Hungarian minority persecuted by the Romanian authorities because of his open criticism of the Ceausescu régime.
- . In November 1989, the Secretary of State for External Affairs condemned the Romanian authorities attitude in Mazilu's case.
- . Of particular interest to Canadians is the freedom to leave one's country. Official Romanian resistance to this directly affects our family reunification program. We make regular representations. A new list of 59 cases involving 134 persons was presented to the Romanian authorities in December 1989.
- . Canadian concerns about the effects of the rural "systematization" were expressed to the Romanian authorities on several occasions during 1988-1989.