

disadvantaged groups. These groups need support to realize their individual or group potential to fully enjoy their human rights.

17. In the case of women, CIDA has given a grant to the Inter-American Legal Services Association (ILSA) in Bogota to provide legal assistance to Colombia women to improve their social and legal status. This project involved the provision of legal advice on social and commercial matters, the holding of meetings to familiarize women in Bogota with the existing legal system, and the study of laws touching the position of women.

18. Another example of CIDA funding designed to establish women's rights was a grant to the Anglican Church of Canada which worked with the World Council of Churches to prepare and disseminate, in francophone West Africa, educational material about the dangers to health of female circumcision as well as the rights aspect of the question. Both CIDA and IDRC have funded numerous other projects to assist in improving the social and economic well-being of women.

19. CIDA has established a Women in Development overview program to ensure attention to the needs of women and an analysis of the impact on women of all programs and projects funded by the Agency.

20. In the case of workers, CIDA has provided money through the Canadian Labour Congress to allow the Council of Unions of South Africa to provide research and legal services to black workers and unions, and to educate workers about their rights. IDRC has funded a research project with the Public Law Institute in Kenya to determine those issues with a legal aspect of greatest concern to Kenyan workers, to research the issues, and to produce educational material for workers setting out their rights with regard to these issues.

21. In the case of indigenous peoples, CIDA has provided a major grant to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, for its objective of promoting the right of indigenous peoples to take their place in society. IDRC has given funds to the Andean Commission of Jurists in Lima to carry out a research project on the appropriate legislative, administrative and judicial approaches to conflict resolution among the indigenous peasantry. This project is to describe the nature of conflicts between the official law and peasant law, the way in which judicial officials apply both sets of law, and to propose measures to strengthen legal pluralism in the Andes.

The Judiciary

22. Funds for the strengthening of the judiciary have usually been provided through support in holding conferences or for judges travelling to conferences. IDRC has made grants to the Centre for the Independence of Judges and Lawyers to hold a conference in Zambia to consider the organization and jurisdiction of the courts, the status and rights of judges, and the independence of the judiciary in the legal profession. IDRC also helped to fund the World Conference on the Independence of Justice in Montreal. This conference examined ways in which national