

"24. More specifically, legal rules should be developed to permit access to information on the operations of the MNEs not otherwise available because the source is located outside the host country's territorial jurisdiction."

"26. One means of determining which objectives should be sought through the development of legal rules is to identify those areas where governments have sought to achieve policy objectives respecting the conduct of MNEs by means of national legislation. UNCITRAL could seek to identify these areas and, having done so, could then proceed to study the possibility of attaining a degree of harmonization and co-ordination in existing national legislation related to the activities of MNEs. Attainment of uniformity and co-ordination is most likely to be possible in those areas where existing legislation reflects widespread recognition of a common problem."

In reply to the question whether these objectives should be promoted through the development of international rules and, if so, how (e.g. international convention, model rules) the Canadian document stated, in part

"32. As a minimum, greater international co-operation and consultation is needed to deal with the problems created by the multinational enterprises. While different problems will require different solutions, it is doubtful that sufficient agreement exists at the moment among the international community to permit the achievement of uniform laws to be adopted by an international convention. If legal rules are to be developed, it may be that the most that can be attained in the immediate future is the development of model rules which might be employed or adopted in national legislation without the obligation of uniformity. Whatever the approaches, there is considerable merit in maintaining a fair degree of flexibility."