## **PREFACE**

This booklet contains the major international and domestic human rights instruments. These include:

- Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Convention against Torture and Other Cruel,
  Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
- Declaration on the Right to Development

Also attached is a summary of those instruments to which Canada is a party and a chart of ratifications by the nations of the world.