

Well developed Canadian policies, such as, for example, women in development, should be applied across the spectrum of international activities.

While working group on trade and economic relations opposed immediate pressure to include a social clause, it supported the inclusion of the clause in due course. The group reasoned that the WTO should not be challenged on this issue until it is established and functioning.

v. Canada should link human rights to economic and trade initiatives in international organizations. Canada should actively support a social clause in the WTO charter to facilitate coherence with other international organizations, mitigate inter-organizational rivalries, and promote the prevention of conflict.

Promoting reform of international organizations requires building alliances with other like-minded middle powers. The consolidation of the European Union threatens to deprive Canada of its traditional European allies for policy reform.

vi. Canada should develop a new strategy of alliance building on common interests with Southern countries. The Commonwealth and la Francophonie provide special opportunities for Canada to develop these kinds of alliances.

Promoting the participation of civil society. Enhancing the participation of civil society should be a priority for international organizations since it contributes to transparency, accountability, and the promotion of sustainable human development.

vii. Canada should encourage international organizations to institutionalize arrangements for