

Time frame: A.S.A.P.

Area 10: Treaty ratification

Background:

Canada has not yet ratified a number of important human rights treaties, including:

- the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families*;
- the *American Convention on Human Rights*;
- the *Protocol of San Salvador on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Americas*;
- the *Rome Statute for an International Criminal Court*; and
- the *Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)*.

Actions:

- Join the lobby for the ratification of those treaties.
- Concerning the American Convention and the Protocol of San Salvador: join the NGO parallel meeting during the June meeting of the Organisation of American States (OAS) in Windsor, Ontario.

Lead volunteers:

- for the American Convention, the Protocol of San Salvador and the NGO parallel meeting at the OAS: Iris Almeida
- for the NGO parallel meeting at the OAS: Sungee John (involved in the organisation of the Windsor People's Summit)
- for the Optional Protocol to CEDAW: Shelagh Day
- for the Convention on Migrant Workers: Daisy Francis
- in general: Tom Clark and John Foster

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Area 11: Trade and Human Rights

Background:

An international civil society movement is growing in response to the negative impacts of recent international trade agreements (particularly those overseen by the World Trade Organisation). While a lot of organising has taken place, there is a need for rigorous analysis of the issues from a human rights perspective.