

- The US proposal on labour rights must include compliance mechanisms and be clearer regarding core labour standards.
- It is very important to include First Nations in the economic integration process. A Forum of First Nations should be created, officially recognized and mandated to formulate proposals at the Summit.
- A tri- or multi-national equitable growth board should be established as part of free trade agreements.
- Binding stipulations should be included in any free trade agreement mandating as a basis for continuing participation in the agreement a certain distribution of wealth, the reaching of an agreed-upon literacy rate, and/or the reduction of the infant mortality rate to an agreed-upon level.²³
- Economic integration should be envisioned from the perspective of sustainable development and in the spirit of fair exchanges and partnerships.

Basket IV. Eradication of poverty and discrimination

- Canada should continue to support the ideas and concepts of the Miami Declaration of Principles.
- The struggle against poverty must be the cornerstone for the whole debate on integration and must be linked to the promotion of human rights within the wide context of economic integration and its perverse effects on populations.
- Canada should increase its ODA budget, with the perspective of decreasing the dependency of the South vis à vis the North. Technology transfer and democratization of knowledge are crucial to this end.
- All governments in the Americas should give strong support to human resource development and stop slashing social programs. Social development is as important as economic development. Canada should encourage greater sectoral involvement with the private sector playing a more important role in the promotion of the social agenda.
- Canada should support initiatives to protect the production of food, and watch over land tenure issues, agrarian reform, ways to ease debt repayments, sustainability of the land, and security for agrarian peoples of the Americas.
- Agrarian reform must be implemented in order to improve the quality of life of the rural population.