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In relation to monitoring, the Working Group would have to define its appropriate role. In some cases, it would monitor the possible changes needed for successful and effective implementation of Canadian foreign policy and aid initiatives. This would hopefully lead to 'process improvement'. The Working Group would also serve as a contact point for those within Nigeria seeking to give feedback on the effects of Canadian foreign policy initiatives.

IX. Summary of Key Recommendations for Canadian Foreign Policy and Aid

Several guiding principles or themes emerged during the course of the Conference around which to organize Canadian foreign policy in Nigeria:

- It is important to support actions which will reinforce the transition to democracy. Key elements of this transition such as human rights and the rule of law might dictate which actions are appropriate to take. At the same time that the Nigerian government is held accountable to broader international human rights instruments, localized 'basic needs' development efforts can take place.
- Opposition to military government and any renewed efforts towards a military coup should be a key policy position of the Canadian government. If transition efforts break down, the Canadian government can play a 'brokering' role to bring together opposing elements in Nigerian society. Any negotiation efforts will themselves provide an excellent example in support of good governance and the democratic process.
- Sustainability of the transition to democracy can be assured through reconstruction efforts dedicated to economic stabilization and poverty alleviation.
- The Canadian government should maintain a fluid, iterative approach to on-the-ground developments in Nigeria during the transition process. This should include immediate reaction to any negative developments on the Niger Delta, including opposing any attempts towards militarization. Efforts should be made to encourage the Nigerian government to increase dialogue with local advocacy and political groups in sensitive areas.
- Support for the role of the Canadian private sector by the Canadian