

## The Summit: People's Summit/NGOs

### QUESTION

If Canada is truly committed to social justice in the Americas, will it then fund the NGO-led People's Summit in Santiago? Will Ministers meet with representatives of the alternate Summit?

### SUGGESTED REPLY

- Canada has agreed to provide \$30,000 to fund in-Canada costs for Canadian groups to prepare for the NGO summit.
- At the OAS, Canada has chaired a working group looking at the status of NGOs. The Canadian delegation to the OAS General Assembly has met with NGOs seeking a greater voice in policy development in the Americas.
- The government has held country-wide consultations with NGOs to seek their views on the Santiago Summit, making Canada the only Summit country to conduct formal consultation in this regard.