

conducted in another country and therefore may have limited relevance to Canada, its findings, which were very concrete and refer to many sectors of government and civil society, may serve as a springboard for our consultation. The recommendations, extracted from the full report of the Committee, have been revised to refer to Canadian processes and institutions.

Finally, we may wish to consider draft recommendations brought forward at the DFAIT/NGO consultations March 5th 1999. Copies of both documents are available.

It has been an honour and a pleasure to participate as a member of this panel. Thank you for your interest and attention. I look forward to a full and fruitful consultation this afternoon.