

transparent coordination structure and regular public reporting mechanisms.

MINUGUA and other United Nations agencies come under pressure from sectors less wedded to the effective implementation of the accords. For this reason, the Canadian government through its Embassy in Guatemala and through other diplomatic channels should regularly express support for effective United Nations activity and indicate concern at the highest levels when the United Nations role is weakened in any way. The Canadian Embassy could take the lead in forming an informal diplomatic group which could use its "good offices" to increase the effectiveness of the monitoring and verification mechanisms.

6. The Canadian government, through its aid programme for Guatemala, should invest resources to support peasants to make the most productive use of available land. Special attention should be paid to these needs in the process of economic reintegration of the displaced and returnee population and the demobilized population.

7. The Roundtable recommends the establishment of a Government-NGO Peace-building Taskforce on Guatemala as an opportunity for the Canadian government and Canadian NGOs and civil society to support the strengthening of the Guatemalan state and Guatemalan civil society in a complementary fashion. This Taskforce would provide a useful mechanism for ongoing sharing, analysis and programme discussion. It should also explore ways to involve Guatemalan civil society partners.

8. The Canadian government should support the development of linkages between domestic NGOs in Canada (eg: NAPO) and their counterparts in Guatemala. These linkages would assist these counterparts to learn tools for becoming advocates with appropriate state and other entities for the needs of specific sectors.

9. Many Guatemalans are unaware of the contents of the Peace Accords. If people know about the contents of the Accords they can use them to defend their rights. Canada should consider providing resources to appropriate organizations so that they can educate the population about the Accords. Consideration should be given to printing the accords in indigenous languages.