

abroad. Other participants said the role of the drug economy in Burma's development also needs to be better understood, so that when/if SLORC changes, the economic dependence and health problems associated with it can be addressed.

III WITH REFERENCE TO LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Enlist the assistance of Asian democracies and democratic leaders (in and out of power) in achieving Burma's goals of a more democratic and sustainable form of development,
- Find ASEAN member(s) willing to use their influence in support of human rights improvements which are related to sustained economic development,
- Actively support and promote the UN Resolution on human rights in Burma, and support the Secretary-General's appointed Special Representative on Burma
- Consult with Burmese government-in-exile, and other groups, to insure optimal effectiveness of Canadian policy initiatives.
- "Reach in" and build communication bridges to and between Burmese people through use of Radio Canada International (RCI), starting with English language broadcasts. Canada could also cooperate with Norwegian broadcasts to Burma languages: in general, Canada should enhance media access for people raising the long-term questions about Burma, if possible.
- * fund initiatives in education, and private visits, find means to help Canadians understand the conditions and cultures of the peoples of Burma, and raise their mutual awareness.

There was considerable discussion about leaving those Burmese who are working for democratic development and who are isolated as an indirect result of Canada's list of informal sanctions. It was suggested that efforts be made and maintained to bring people out for training, dialogue and research in all fields, but especially in the areas of economic reform, democratic development, natural resource management, education and health. The great difficulties in doing this were noted, in particular the necessity of receiving SLORC approval for any Burmese leaving the country, and the subsequent isolation and/or risk which participants in such a program may experience upon their return.