

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada deplores the violence in Colombia and supports the efforts of the government to improve the human rights situation in the country. The Canadian Embassy in Bogota monitors the human rights situation closely and frequently conveys Canadian concerns to the Colombian government. The Embassy also maintains close contacts with the Office of the Presidential Advisor for the Defence, Protection and Promotion of Human Rights. Canada also recognizes the importance of an objective judiciary in safeguarding human rights and has taken a part in improving the delivery of justice, including supporting a network of human rights ombudsmen at the local level.