

indiscriminate armed force on a scale and scope which appalls all Canadians and has resulted in the tragic deaths of large numbers of innocent civilians; [Members of Parliament] therefore:

unequivocally condemn this brutal use of force against the peaceful populace of Beijing and call upon the authorities of China to cease this senseless killing and immediately adopt a course of dialogue with the people of China.<sup>38</sup>

(For further information concerning events leading up to and following the Chinese Government crackdown of June 1989, including the Canadian Government response, refer to Appendix 7 of *The Guide*.)

Several Members of Parliament expressed concerns over human rights abuses in El Salvador and Guatemala, especially the increase in violations in the former.<sup>39</sup> NDP Member Lynn Hunter declared:

Since 1983, Canada has provided over \$13 million in bilateral aid to the Government of El Salvador.... With the presidential elections concluded, government-supported violence and repression are on the increase.... Canadians do not want to be associated with a regime which utilizes human rights violations and murder. Canadians are proud of our record of promoting peace, yet our Government, through bilateral aid, does business with this Government which refuses to negotiate a settlement to the nine-year war....

I call on the Government to reconsider our bilateral aid program to El Salvador so that the aid is channeled through non-governmental organizations until we see a substantial improvement in the human rights environment.<sup>40</sup>

On 2 May 1989, Minister for External Relations and International Development Monique Landry assured the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade that "the bilateral aid program to Salvador...has been managed by a Canadian NGO [non-governmental organization], the Canadian Hunger Foundation, and has been carried out by Salvadorian NGOs to assist some 200,000 displaced persons in need."<sup>41</sup> In reply, Ms. Hunter charged that "The non-governmental organizations of Canada have repudiated that program completely, except for one, the Canadian Hunger Foundation, and the minister knows very well what is going on here.... You have a credibility problem if you think you can foist off the Canadian Hunger Foundation as not being anything other than a bilateral aid program that supports the government of El Salvador."<sup>42</sup>

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38 *Commons Debates*, 5 June 1989, p. 2599.

39 *Commons Debates*, 15 September 1988, p. 19283; 12 April 1989, p. 384; 20 April 1989, p. 725; 24 May 1989, p. 2083; and 1 June 1989, p. 2414.

40 *Commons Debates*, 12 April 1989, p. 384.

41 House of Commons, Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade, *Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence*, Issue No. 1 (2 May 1989), p. 1 : 40.

42 *Ibid.*, pp. 1 : 40-41.