

cooperation on projects supported by the fund between the government and the non-governmental organizations. Thus, when the mid-term plan for the Voluntary Fund is examined at the next session of the Human Rights Commission, Canada will draw attention to the need for refined coordination and resources sufficient to enhance the effectiveness of this important instrument in the promotion of human rights.

I have briefly outlined some of the guidelines we use internationally in promoting respect for human rights. Your presence in such numbers at these consultations will enable us, I am sure, to engage in some beneficial and useful interchange, since we are sharing information on something in which we have a common interest. On behalf of my government, I thank you for your support and cooperation, and I trust that the Canadian delegation soon to travel to Geneva will be enriched by their two days here.

Thank you very much.