

*for example, must not reward or give the impression of rewarding such government behaviour. This can be achieved in a number of ways, as the Committee has suggested. The Government will consider its actions on a case-by-case basis.*

*Canada will continue to lead on human rights issues at the UN, the OSCE, the Commonwealth, la Francophonie and the OAS. Canada was instrumental in creating at the UN the office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a broad mandate for promotion, protection, prevention of human rights abuses of the kind that presage conflict, and co-ordination of human rights activities throughout the UN system. These forums often provide the most effective means for influencing governments. At the international financial institutions and in various aid donor groups, Canada will also emphasize the need to consider a recipient's commitment to good governance. In particular, Canada will seek concerted action with others to influence governments that spend large sums on arms rather than on education and housing for their people.*