## 5. Note on consultations among Sudanese, Canadian, American and European NGOs during the Ottawa Forum

During the Ottawa Forum, NGO participants from Sudan, Canada, Europe and the United States met to explore options to improve the communication flow among regions, to develop common advocacy objectives and to better facilitate joint advocacy campaigns. Agreements were reached to redouble efforts in each of these areas.

Discussion also focused on ways in which NGOs might stay better appraised of the work of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF), how best to link with the IPF and how to interject international NGO perspectives for consideration by the IPF.

Canadians present pledged to provide the necessary follow up on these questions during the coming months (September-November 2000).