HUMAN RIGHTS

Major Agreements

Agreement between Human Rights Commissions

Major Interlocutors

Canada:

Mexico:

Cdn. Human Rights Commission

Natl. Human Rights Commission (CNDH)

DFAIT

Extent and Mechanisms of Cooperation

Canada's and Mexico's respective Human Rights Commissions have substantially differing mandates, but a solid working relationship has nevertheless been developed between the two institutions. The Canadian Human Rights Commissioner and his Mexican counterpart also meet regularly in regional and multilateral fora.

In October 1995, a Cooperation Agreement between the two Commissions was signed. It has three principal provisions:

- Bilateral Cooperation
- An annual Joint Commission meeting
- Trilateral Cooperation.

Joint activities will begin as soon as funding is put into place (in the course of 1996).