

used to extract information. Individuals in the army and the police have been found guilty - through negligence, complicity or active participation - in human rights violations. The Government has in place a system to investigate alleged violations of human rights by State organizations.

#### CANADIAN POSITION

Canada deplores violations of human rights in Colombia and supports the efforts of the Government to improve the human rights situation. The Canadian Embassy in Bogota maintains close contacts with the Office of the Presidential Advisor for the Defence, Protection and Promotion of Human Rights. In addition it monitors the human rights situation on an ongoing basis and draws Canadian concerns to the attention of the Colombian authorities. Canada also recognizes the importance of an objective judiciary in safeguarding human rights and has supported projects to improve the delivery of justice and to establish a network of human rights ombudsmen at the local level.