

Of all the international organizations considered by this paper, the U.N. (on Human Rights), the OECD (on education) and UNESCO are perhaps the best examples of organizations issuing documents which deal with subjects of direct concern to the provinces.

U.N. Documents on Human Rights are distributed very adequately to the provinces by the Department of the Secretary of State, particularly those documents concerning the Reports submitted by Canada. It may be worth considering the possibility of improving on this excellent distribution, as this is an area of detailed provincial involvement and interest.

This Department could supply to the provincial Human Rights Commissions, selected reports from the Canadian Delegations to the U.N. These reports, chosen for their direct relevance to areas of provincial activity, could be forwarded through the Department's intergovernmental contacts in provincial governments. They might be helpful in preparing provincial positions and contributions to the Reports for the U.N., and they would enable the provinces to better place these Reports in their international context. In addition, the provision of this information from our Delegations could constitute our contribution to the dissemination of documents on Human Rights, an area in which we have been overshadowed.

OECD documents on education are distributed to the individual provinces by their own organization, the Council of Ministers of Education. The extent of this distribution is determined by the Council based on its judgement as to the degree of provincial interest or