

VI Suggested Directions

In Nigeria

- Financial support is needed to support the work of NGOs both inside and outside Nigeria, particularly in the area of grassroots education about the meaning and practices of democracy
- Continue support for the DDF and the CDP; develop mechanisms to link NGO grass roots education and national human rights and pro-democracy groups in Nigeria.
- Financial support is needed for Radio Kudirat; explore the possibility of a broader communication strategy for Nigeria

In Canada

- Canada must continue to condemn the Nigerian military regime, in the strongest terms, for continued violation of the civil, political and economic rights of its citizens
- Canada must press for the immediate release of all political prisoners in Nigeria
- Financial support is needed for in-Canada social mobilization and education on Nigeria linked to social mobilization and education in Nigeria

International

- Monitoring of the transition process, through Commonwealth and United Nations channels must be supported
- At the governmental and NGO levels, alliances should be forged with other African countries, particularly those that signed the OAU covenant on good governance, to put pressure on the Nigerian regime to honour its principles
- Asian Commonwealth countries such as India should be encouraged to help diffuse possible East-West tensions over human rights and democratic values
- Pressure should be exerted on the Nigerian regime through:
 - a ban on Nigeria's soccer team competing outside the country
 - visa restrictions on the ruling elite and their families to prevent them from traveling and studying abroad
 - targeted sanctions aimed at stopping the supply of spare parts to Nigerian industry
 - freezing the accounts of the junta and their collaborators