

rapid and more effective international cooperation. Those here today who have some experience with the international system, and they are many, know that the process of putting effective mechanisms in place in this field is a slow one. However, Canada sees one of its priority objectives to be that of reinforcing these mechanisms, since we are convinced that respect for human rights can be guaranteed only by the combined effect of standards and pressure applied on an international scale. This is why we have paid special attention to the phenomenon of mass exoduses. We have continued our efforts to improve the provisions of the United Nations in respect to these cases. Just two weeks ago, the Canadian Ambassador to the UN made representations to the Secretariat to reinforce the early warning system, the purpose of which is to make rapid intervention possible when we are confronted with mass exoduses. We emphasized the need to increase our capacity to react rapidly in such crises.

Among the other priorities that we intend to pursue, I would like to mention the importance we ascribe to the World Information Campaign on Human Rights. We are aware of the key role played by dissemination of information activities in the overall success of human rights program. Wider dissemination of information will create an enhanced awareness of human right and their importance. Such awareness is essential if the enjoyment of human rights is to become a reality. Last December's ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was a new phase introduced with the affirmation of the need to envision human rights as a universal cultural reality, based on the dissemination of information and on education. Canada subscribes fully to this objective, and we have made constructive suggestions to carry out the information campaign. I am pleased that the success of the project will hinge in large measure on the contributions made by non-governmental organizations. This undertaking will surely be furthered by the complementary nature of our various roles.

Parallel to the activities of the World Information Campaign, Canada ascribes particular importance to the UN Voluntary Fund for Advisory Services in the human rights field. We believe that the Fund's main purpose is to provide technical assistance and support for the long-term projects most likely to promote greater respect for human rights in a tangible way. In order for these projects to succeed, there must be close