



# Special Report

## Quebec

# INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

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## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### Workshop 1

#### National consultation, coordination and cooperation

1. There is a paradox concerning consultation. Many organizations have had their budgets substantially reduced, although they are required to express opinions on various topics. They do so regardless, but they insist that the Government be made aware of the situation.
2. The participants stressed the need for a major concerted effort. The Government and the various players in civil society must unite their efforts and adopt a clearer action plan.
3. Three themes for concerted action have been identified: (1) child poverty (2) violence and abuse directed at children (3) exploitation of child labour.
4. Canada must assume a leadership position. It must set an example by adequately ensuring that the rights of Canadian children are protected.
5. Canada's actions must be consistent. It must not concentrate exclusively on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, but must consider