

years, such training has been a permanent feature and in 1986-87, training programs of two to five weeks duration were provided for parliamentary staff members from seven countries, including Zimbabwe, Zaire, Cameroun, and Djibouti. The opinion has been expressed that a Canadian institute could enhance such training opportunities in part through interaction with the Geneva Centre. However, the capacity of the federal parliament for providing training is said to be stretched to its limits, and means would have to be found to supplement the personnel resources available within Canadian parliaments to permit further development of these valuable activities.

28. The Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Mr. Gordon Fairweather, the Chief Election Officer of Ontario, Mr. Warren Bailie, and senior officials of Elections Canada have served as official observers in elections in Zimbabwe in 1980, in El Salvador in 1984 and in Guatemala in 1985. Elections Canada is assisting the Government of Haiti, in a project financed by CIDA, in preparing for the Haitian 1987 election. The project entails the training of election officials and jurists and the provision of equipment. The Office of the Director-General of Elections of Quebec has participated in the training program for the Haitian officials.

29. On the non-governmental side, a number of interlocutors across the country have commented most favourably on the work of two Canadian institutions: the Human Rights Research and Education Centre of the University of Ottawa (HRREC), and the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Montreal (CHRF). These highly respected institutions, each operating with two or three full-time professional staff, and with annual expenditures of some \$200,000 to \$400,000 on projects financed primarily from outside sources have engaged federal and provincial governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals in a wide-range of information, education and research activities for the promotion of human rights.

30. The HRREC, founded in 1981, is an independent, university-based institution which seeks to encourage research, education and promotion of human rights through legal and interdisciplinary study and implementation. Its library and documentation collection, which is computerized and served by a full-time librarian, houses 10,000 titles and documents exclusive of human rights material available through other University of Ottawa libraries. The HRREC serves as the Canadian link with the International Human Rights Information and Documentation System, HURIDOCs. It publishes a Human Rights Yearbook and a quarterly Bulletin. While the mandate of the HRREC is both domestic and international, as a result of the dearth of funding available in Canada for international human rights projects, the HRREC has more