

# Agreed Upon Follow-Up Actions:

## Working Groups to Develop Projects:

- **Action Research Facility:** Nancy Thede, Jean Symes, Mark Fried, and DFAIT/AGP/Sarah Fountain Smith.
- **Local Justice Centres & Aboriginal Exchange:** Peter Taylor, ICHRDD, Suzanne Rumsey (AGP/Ginette Saucier offered to be a resource person on Canadian indigenous capacity)
- **Follow-up to the Truth Commission and REMI Reports:** CIDA, DFAIT and NGOs will explore follow-up strategies. ICHRDD will not take the lead but is willing to participate. ICCHRLA will also participate. The NGOs will keep Peter Taylor informed and he will engage the Canadian Ambassador in Guatemala to determine what action, if any is possible.
- **OAS initiative on small arms:** AGP/Ginette Saucier will do more research on this convention and get back to the CPCC. There is interest in this issue in Minister Axworthy's office.

## Proposal Submission Process:

Short proposals should be developed and submitted to Ray Burzynski at CIDA Partnership Branch, who will, if appropriate, forward the project to the Peacebuilding Fund for consideration. NGOs may contact the Peacebuilding Unit/Caroline Lavoie to explore whether project proposals meet the criteria of the Peacebuilding Fund.

## Info-Exchange and Collaboration Initiatives:

- 1) A regular meeting of representatives of Canadian projects in Guatemala should be organized by the Canadian Embassy for information exchange purposes.
- 2) CIDA Partnership Branch will develop a summary of NGO activities in Guatemala.
- 3) The CCIC - Americas Policy Group will identify a website for ongoing communication and information-sharing among Canadian NGOs working on Guatemala. CIDA will be approached for funding to support the maintenance of the site. (Sombrilla indicated willingness to maintain such a site.)
- 4) Our discussions will be continued either by extending the next ICHRDD consultative group on Guatemala, and select future meetings, if desired, for a broader discussion on peacebuilding. This discussion could also take place at the next CPCC consultation (likely January, 1998). Participants will be asked for their preference at a later date.
- 5) The CPCC will explore the possibility of coordinating a lessons learned and evaluation process of peacebuilding initiatives in Guatemala and other relevant countries. It may be useful to look at the model used in IDRC's War Torn Societies project. A discussion on lessons learned could be included in the annual government/NGO peacebuilding consultations. CPCC and DFAIT will follow-up on this.