

CHAPTER 3: LINKING AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS

RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Committee recommends:

- i) That emergency humanitarian aid continue to be given on compassionate grounds without preconditions, but that it be monitored closely to prevent abuses;

Accepted

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- ii) That the victims of human rights violations not be forgotten when decisions are taken to reduce or deny long-term development aid to governments;

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- iii) That human rights criteria be developed coherently as part of overall Canadian foreign policy, and that these be applied in a universal, consistent and transparent manner;
- iv) That such criteria, embracing both individual, civil and political rights and socio-economic and cultural rights, be derived from established standards of international human rights law and convention;
- v) That verifiable reports of violations, not ideology or strategic interest, be the basis for unfavorable assessments of human rights observance;
- vi) That, more generally, progress on human rights be considered part of development, with assessments of the human rights situation in a given country being related to the overall record of development, particularly from the vantage point of the poorest people.