

At the 49th session of the Commission on Human Rights, a consensus resolution was adopted expressing the Commission's concern about the human rights situation in Equatorial Guinea. The resolution requested the appointment of a Special Rapporteur with a mandate to make a "thorough study of the violations of human rights by the Government of Equatorial Guinea". Over the past several years, the efforts of successive Commission appointees have had no significant impact on the situation.

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada is accredited to Equatorial Guinea through our mission in Gabon but on-site visits are rare. Information is difficult to obtain and impossible to verify. Nevertheless, Canada deplores the horrific culture of political persecution and oppression which has stunted the development of this unfortunate country. Although our influence in Equatorial Guinea is minimal, Canada does take all appropriate occasions to bring its views on democratic development and good governance to the attention of Equatorial authorities.

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