

committee struck. With assistance from representatives in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and CIDA, funds were secured from the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development.

The efforts of many people and agencies culminated in the successful convening of the two day event "Democratic Transformation in Nigeria: Canadian Foreign Policy Options" in Ottawa April 14-15, 1999. Members of the WGN, along with representatives of CIDA, Foreign Affairs, Canadian academics and Nigerian experts from abroad met to discuss ways in which Canada might best support strategies to increase citizen participation, distribute wealth equitably, alleviate poverty, and sustain democratic development in Nigeria. General and specific recommendations were formulated to inform and guide Canadian policy on Nigeria in the months and years ahead.

This report is the written record of the conference. It is hereby submitted to members of the WGN and to the Government of Canada for information and follow up.

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