

Canada strongly supports and promotes democracy and is increasingly called upon to assist in various aspects of the democratic process, particularly in young and emerging democracies. Canada's response has primarily been through development assistance in the following areas: elections, institutional strengthening, legal reform, police training, and strengthening civil society. Canada has also participated widely in electoral observation missions mounted by such international organizations as the OAS, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Commonwealth and la Francophonie.