

Questionnaire Responses on Neoliberal Economic Policies and Social, Economic and Cultural Rights

What follows are the results of a questionnaire on the relationship between neoliberal economic policies and social, economic and cultural rights. Questionnaires were sent out to Latin American human rights organizations in the fall of 1997 and early 1998. They sought to determine the perspectives of partner organizations on neoliberal economic policies and on how to address any negative impacts (with respect to social, economic and cultural rights) which may have resulted from them. Additionally, the questionnaire sought to determine what partners believe ICCHRLA's role should be in working to address these rights violations resulting from neoliberal economic policies in general, or from Canadian trade and investment in particular.

Ten (10) questionnaire responses were received, representing approximately 45% of those sent. The questionnaire responses were from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador and Mexico (please see list of questionnaire respondents below). The responses were collected both in writing and from informal interviews.

What follows is a summary of the responses, as well as the ICCHRLA work plan devised to address social, economic and cultural rights violations resulting from neoliberal economic policies, based in large part on these responses.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONDENTS:

- ANTA: National Association of Farm Workers (Asociación Nacional de Trabajadores Agropecuarios), El Salvador
- APRODEH: Association for Human Rights (Asociación Pro- Derechos Humanos), Peru
- CMDPDH: Mexican Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (Comisión Mexicana de la Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos), Mexico
- CODEPU: Committee on the Protection of Human Rights for the People (Comité de Defensa de los Derechos del Pueblo), Chile
- Equipo Pueblo, Mexico
- FASIC: Foundation of Christian Churches for Social Support (Fundación de Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas, Chile
- Common Frontiers (Fronteras Comunes), Mexico
- MEDH: Ecumenical Movement on Human Rights (Movimiento Ecumenico por los Derechos Humanos), Argentina
- IPC: Popular Institute on Education (Instituto Popular de Capacitación), Colombia
- MST: Movimento Sem Terra (Landless Movement), Brazil