

- access to elementary, secondary and post secondary schooling become more equitable for disadvantaged classes and for women in all field of studies;
- opportunities to study in the developed countries be open to all students and not just to the elite of the South;
- that high school education be available to all and better integrated with the elementary educational systems of the South;
- in Canada, that post-secondary education be more critical of the values it holds regarding Latin America, and more committed to provide sound knowledge to Canadian students on the culture of the South.

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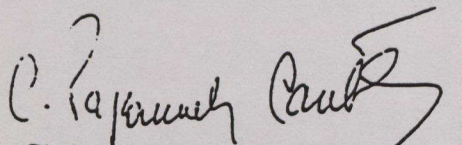
It is noted that the existence of authoritarian, elitist and corrupt political systems have led to a loss of legitimacy and of trust on the part of the populations in the South.

It is recommended that in order for democracy to develop:

- military budgets be decreased;
- values, practices and perceptions be changed;
- national policies be transparent;
- national agencies be created with sound legal and institutional status so as to be endowed with a high degree of political and social legitimacy in order to develop public policies for the benefit of all sectors of society.

These concerns are presented with both a sense of urgency and a spirit of collaboration. They should be given serious consideration and incorporated into the overall formation of the Canadian approach to the summit.

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