

3. Promote Institutional Renewal:

- Canada is seeking a clearer and closer relationship between the OAS and the Summit of the Americas process in order to streamline activities arising in both fora. We are encouraging a closer examination of the role of the Inter-American system, including the OAS, as well as other regional institutions -- Inter-American Development Bank, Pan-American Health Organization, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. Increase Anti-Drug Cooperation:

- Canada encourages multilateral, cooperative action in the hemisphere through financial support to CICAD to combat the scourge of drugs.

5. Support the new focus of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy:

- Canada continues to see a role for the UPD in election observation and monitoring, but democracy is more than holding elections. The Unit must be allowed to continue to expand its valuable work in areas of long-term impact, such as democratic institution building, information and education for democracy, thus moving beyond the mainstay of elections monitoring.

6. Strengthen the Inter-American Human Rights System:

- Canada believes that now is the time to examine whether existing standards and systems should be adapted to match new realities. Member states have been supportive of the ongoing review of the inter-American human rights system. Canada hopes this will lead to strengthened institutions to protect and promote human rights in the Americas while preserving their autonomy, independence, and their key role of protection.