

CANADIAN POSITION

While the human rights situation has greatly improved over the past few years, it is still far from acceptable. The Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has written to his counterpart in Angola to encourage the Angolan authorities and UNITA to make greater efforts in applying the terms of the Lusaka accords. Peace remains a prerequisite to the reinforcement of human rights.

To encourage efforts toward reconciliation and the exercise of basic freedoms, Canada has continued to provide humanitarian aid to Angola, for projects such as the capacity-building of Angolan non-governmental organizations and a comparative study of landmine removal operations in several countries (Cambodia, Mozambique, Angola, etc.) to improve efforts in this area.