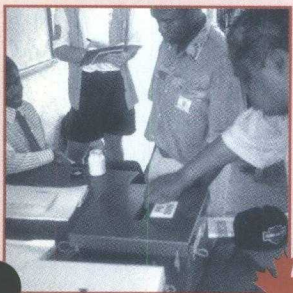


# Governance & ACCOUNTABILITY

## Identifying HUMAN INSECURITY

Just systems of law and governance are essential guarantors of peace and security. Ensuring the safety and security of people implies the establishment of an international capacity to hold perpetrators of human rights violations accountable for their actions. It also requires attention to strengthening the transparency and accountability of public institutions, including particularly those sectors directly engaged in the provision of security and the administration of justice.



Canada's Governance and Accountability initiatives include the following issues:

International Criminal Court (ICC)

Security Sector Reform

Corporate Social Responsibility

Corruption and Transparency

Freedom of Opinion and Expression

Democratic Governance

## Taking CONCRETE ACTION

Thanks to the efforts of civil society and a number of countries, including Canada, over two-thirds of the number of ratifications needed to bring the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court into force have been secured. Entry-into-force of the Rome Statute will create the International Criminal Court (ICC), a truly international court charged with prosecuting the world's worst crimes – genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. Canadian Ambassador Philippe Kirsch has served as Chair of the Preparatory Commission responsible for completing the subsidiary documents that will ensure the ICC runs smoothly once the Rome Statute enters into force. Other countries and organizations look to Canada for continued leadership on this issue and how to ratify and implement the Rome Statute.

The Human Security Program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade invests in initiatives that promote accountability and good governance. As a crucial part of Canada's ICC Campaign, the Program has supported a number of initiatives to promote ratification and co-sponsored many workshops specifically designed to assist countries in incorporating their obligations under the Rome Statute into their national laws. The Program has worked with two Canadian organizations – the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) and Rights & Democracy – in the development of a practical, step-by-step guide to help countries ratify and implement the ICC Statute. To date, this Manual has been used by over 75 countries.

## Fostering FUTURE SECURITY

The Human Security Program will continue to promote ratification of the Rome Statute. The Program is also working with corporations in conflict settings. Together with over 15 major international corporations, the Human Security Program is supporting the Harvard University-based, Collaborative for Development Action's research efforts to develop clear and practical guidelines for corporations operating in conflict situations. Multilateral partnerships are also an important component of Canada's commitment to ensuring good governance and accountability. The Program is supporting the creation of the Organization of American States' (OAS) Justice Studies Centre of the Americas in Chile.