

(including by the military) is being discussed in multilateral forums like the World Bank and OECD. Canada could support greater international transparency by domestic action, including criminalization of bribery for tax deduction purposes.

8. Canada does not have to choose between constructive engagement and sanctions, but could employ a *continuum of measures* that negotiate desired human rights outcomes through incentives and penalties in aid, trade and investment relations.

9. With respect to trade *codes of conduct*, rights questions, and questions of sustainable development are being raised more frequently by companies themselves. Corruption and repressive, yet unstable, governments provide an unpredictable context for investment.

While general and global codes of conduct for human rights and community relations appear to be of limited usefulness, environmental codes, and codes for "ethical" employee behaviour are more easily applied globally. Some encourage country-specific and sector-specific codes for relations with governments and communities. A recent report by the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development reviews a broad range of types of codes, and makes recommendations regarding effectiveness of codes. Some suggest that corporate access to government programs (e.g. the EDC, PEMD and CIDA) should be linked to code requirements.

10. Human rights and labour issues are *interests shared* by Canadian and Asia-Pacific groups and linkages should be encouraged and supported including between business groups and NGOs.

11. In the near future Canada has opportunities for *multilateral action* regarding human rights concerns. Beyond the APEC forum in Vancouver in November, these include the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights in December and the current negotiations of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

Policy options for the Canadian government

1. Maintain and reinforce commitment to the UN system of universal human rights protection, and use the 50th anniversary of the UN Human Rights