

supports the principle that no country should seek in any forum to deny or circumvent its international human rights obligations. Canada has been active in advancing respect for human rights in the Americas and has put forward proposals to strengthen the inter-American human rights system.

In relation to Recommendation No. 5, the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption was adopted in 1996, before work was completed on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Convention. Canada is a signatory of the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption and the domestic ratification process is underway. Canada is also participating actively in work recently initiated in the OAS to develop a monitoring mechanism based on peer review for the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption.

Labour

The Government strongly supports International Labour Organization (ILO) measures to promote universal respect for core labour standards. These objectives have direct relevance for the hemisphere, in particular increased capacity for delivery of the ILO's technical cooperation activities that represent the most direct and practical means of promoting minimum labour standards, effective social security systems and better employment.

In the context of more liberalized trade in the hemisphere, the Government is working to increase the influence and capacity of the ILO to address the social implications of globalization in partnership with other institutions. The Government supports strengthening relationships between organizations within the UN system such as the ILO, Bretton Woods institutions as well as regional organizations including the OAS and IDB as a means of promoting core principles and values in the hemisphere.

Through its growing presence within the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour forum, Canada will continue to encourage and promote cooperation between the ILO Regional Office and the member countries of the OAS on initiatives aimed at increasing awareness, promoting respect for basic rights of workers and compliance with core labour standards in the Americas; and Canada will press for the adoption of a declaration of labour principles based on

