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gather participants from  
of opportunity to  
in late 1998. Although the next CMOG meeting in April will be crucial in  
deciding the next steps, Canada needs to elaborate a clear strategy of  
and make decisions.

Many multinational companies are actively involved in Nigeria and share the feeling  
that they have to be part of the solution to the Nigerian problem. For the last few years,  
the private sector has been engaged in a dialogue to regulate their activities around the  
world. This dialogue, which has growing support, should be based on companies to subject  
their own actions to scrutiny and should be integrated with the Canadian approach. One  
way of moving from regulation to implementation, would be for Canada to make respect  
of these standards mandatory for any company seeking government funding. However,  
Canada is not providing any governmental support to companies involved in Nigeria.  
Participants also agreed that international actors should seek in other countries and  
institutions to monitor if any similar code is being elaborated.

#### 4.3. Labour Unions

Finally, it was raised that labour unions had in the past played an active role, such as the  
1995 oil strike which had had a strong impact on the Nigerian Government. This is only  
one example of means, outside from direct government intervention, to bring pressure  
upon a dictatorial regime to open discussion with civil society. For this kind of action to  
be successful, labour unions would need for the Canadian Government, if not to  
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