

with you and other non-governmental organizations is a sign of our adherence to the principles enunciated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. You have an essential role to play. You have powers which complement those of government, and ways of influencing the media and other countries that we do not. You have contacts abroad that are unique and useful.

Together, we can achieve a great deal. We intend to continue the creative dialogue which we enjoy with non-governmental organizations such as your own. Even when we disagree on tactics or actions, we can unite around our common objectives. But the path is long and arduous. I count on organizations such as the Canadian Human Rights Foundation to help us along that path, and to help us back if we stray.

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