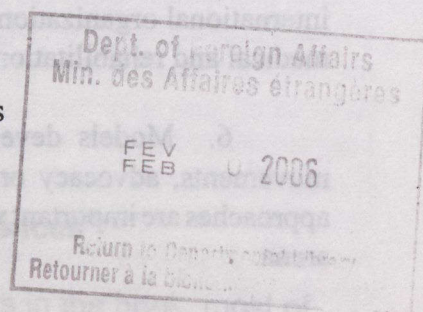


**Policy Directions Emerging From
Workshop On Canadian Contributions To
Enhanced Global Opportunity
For Persons With Disabilities**

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"Canadian Contributions To Enhanced Global Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities" was facilitated by the Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS) and began in March, 2001 and concluded on June 24th, 2001 with a workshop on Canadian Foreign Policy and Disability, which was part of the Society for Disability Studies conference entitled "Democracy, Diversity and Disability" hosted by CCDS. This conference took place in Winnipeg from June 20th to 23rd, 2001. A report on the Canadian Foreign Policy Workshop was submitted to the John Holmes Fund in October, 2001. A summary of activities since the workshop was also provided in January, 2001.

A number of policy directions emerged from the workshop, which were not included in the previously submitted documents. These are set out here.

Future Policy Directions:

1. Models for policy formulation in the area of international development and disability should involve partners with a common mission who can utilize joint decision-making and open communication in their work. The integrity of the partners to be accountable to their own constituencies is extremely important. *Given that such conditions are in place, the support for a partnership approach to the pursuit of international disability issues is an important principle to be promoted in the future.*

2. In order to advance policy directions in the area of international development and disability, Canadian disability organizations require financial and political support to participate in policy formulation as equal citizens.

3. People with disabilities, academics, researchers, organizations, etc. must be aware of the economic forces that shape our lives and the effect of globalization on our local economies. Researchers have a role to play in providing people with disabilities and disability organizations with needed information to advocate for changes in the policies of international organizations and governments which will improve the lives of persons with disabilities around the world.

4. The Human Rights Commission of the United Nations adopted a resolution that United Nations agencies and governments reporting on developments in Human Rights Legislation must include disability in those reports. In addition to governments, organizations with disabilities could file parallel documents at the United Nations (similar to the women's movement) to present a more balanced portrayal of progress in Human Rights legislation and where changes need to take place.

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