

Factoids, Cosmopolitan Canada

element: A champion of democracy, human rights and the rule of law

message: Knowledge is Essential in the Human Security Agenda

Human security is freedom from pervasive threats to people's rights, safety and lives

There are 5 foreign policy priorities for the advancement of human security

1. protection of civilians
 - war affected children, displaced persons, land mines, humanitarian intervention
 - building international will and strengthening norms to reduce the human costs of armed conflict
2. peace support operations
 - building UN capacities
 - addressing the complex requirements for expert deployment of skilled personnel
3. conflict prevention
 - strengthening the international community to prevent/resolve conflict
 - small arms proliferation
 - post conflict peace building
4. governance and accountability
 - establishing an International Criminal Court
 - norms of democracy and human rights
5. public safety
 - dealing with the growing threat of transnational organized crime
 - illicit drugs, terrorism

Multilateralism is integral to the human security agenda

Canada is a member of the UN Security Council

NATO and OSEC (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) are important forums for advancing issues such as conflict prevention by:

- elimination of land mines
- control of small arms flow

Human Security Network

- participation by over 12 countries
- grew from the bilateral arrangement between Canada and Norway
- identifies concrete areas for collective action

NGO partnerships

- central to Canadian promotion of human security agenda internationally
- at home there are over 100 NGO groups relevant to enhancing human security
- annual human rights consultations covering a range of country-specific and thematic issues are held with the Canadian NGO's prior to the UN Commission on Human Rights

Canada and the United Nations

- an active member since 1945
- promotes peace and security, fosters international cooperation in solving economic, social, and humanitarian problems
- promotes culture and respect for human resources
- UN is central to Canada's foreign policy
- Canadian Louise Frechette is the UN Deputy Secretary General
- Canada has participated in every major UN peacekeeping mission
- Canada is the 7th largest contributor to the UN budget
- Canada is a member of 7 UN Specialized Agencies
- UN is essential to the conduct of diplomacy in an ever globalizing world

On April 8, 2001, CIDA supported the electoral process of a new president in Peru

- CIDA is contributing \$255,000 over 6 months for the sub-project "Quick Counts of Votes in the Elections for the President and the Congress of Peru"
- Canada's goal is to ensure democratic reforms