

African National Congress (ANC) and releasing from prison its leader Nelson Mandela are two of the steps called for in the Commonwealth Accord, such high-level contacts should certainly include the ANC. (page 110)

Canada should continue to provide generous amounts of direct assistance and support international efforts, such as those of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, to help South Africa's vulnerable neighbours cope with the economic difficulties that international sanctions directed at South Africa will create for them as well as to overcome punitive measures that the South African government might direct against them. (page 110)

Central America

A majority of the committee believes that it must be stressed that U.S. policy has been designed, in part, to counter other foreign military intervention in Central America and that Canada should oppose outside intervention in Central America by all countries. (page 112)

A majority of the committee opposes the proposal for immediate establishment of a Canadian embassy in Managua but urges the government to monitor the opportunities that might arise. (page 114)

While Canadian influence over the security policies of other countries is limited, Canada has a special opportunity to offer direct, practical and desperately needed help to the hundreds of thousands of refugees in Central America. We would urge two Canadian initiatives: establishment of a 'Refugee Watch' program with other countries and non-governmental organizations to provide greater security in the refugee camps; and active support for economic development and self-sufficiency programs for refugees. The government should also strengthen Canada's capacity to monitor human rights situations in Central America, paying particular attention to the circumstances in each country and the views of Canadian NGOs in these countries. Canada should promote co-operative programs of democratic and human rights development and support elements in these countries favouring progress in human rights. (page 114)