

in this area, the proposed solutions for the communications infrastructure should not simply be stop-gap measures which will soon become obsolete. Proposals should allow states to address their long-term needs through means such as training and financing.

v. Canada should work through such international organizations as la Francophonie, the Commonwealth, UNDP, OAS, and appropriate committees of UNESCO to make available appropriate equipment for communications infrastructure and hardware to Southern states that currently do not have these capabilities.

Canada should ensure that the efforts of the international organizations working in this area are coherent and avoid duplication and overlap. It should make special efforts to identify relevant national and international NGOs as partners.

Finally, members of this working group emphasized strongly, as did their counterparts in the other three groups, the importance of developing clear objectives for Canadian participation in international organizations that deal with culture, education, and communications. Canada should develop measures of performance that can be used to consider value for the human and financial investment of Canadian resources.

CONCLUSION

We have already emphasized the overwhelming consensus in the Forum on the importance of international institutions to Canada's future. As a trading nation, deeply embedded in the global economy, Canada's future prosperity and security are inextricably