

While the first three recommendations concern the consultation process itself, subsequent recommendations address the goals that participants would like to accomplish through Canada's participation in the summit. Particularly striking was the call by many of the participants for the need for Canada to project a bold vision of what it wanted to accomplish rather than for Canadian representatives to wait and see what others might do or say. It is with this need in mind that participants offered the following recommendations.

Two major areas of agreement among participants at the consultation were the need to support the establishment or strengthening of civil society from the ground up and the need to address the problem of inequity throughout the Americas. Specific recommendations that were made to strengthen civil society were that:

4. programs be designed to strengthen specific civic groups concerned with human rights, including those of workers, women, children, and indigenous peoples; and that
5. certain agencies of government, including labor inspectors, environmental departments, and tax regimes, among others, be strengthened institutionally in order to accomplish this; and that
6. measures be taken to help ensure freedom of the press, another institution of civil society; and that
7. measures be taken to help promote the free operation of labour unions; and that
8. Canada act as a leader in supporting public education systems in the Americas (including Canada) as a way of educating about human and social rights; and that