

- to mould new intergovernmental agreements related to social and economic rights and the implementation of the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples
- to develop petitions to the UN Human Rights Committee based on the recommendations of the Committees
- to develop a follow-up plan of action based on the recommendations through the Social Union Framework

iv) Review process of the Canadian Human Rights Act

That consideration be given to the CHRC playing a coordinating role among Canadian human rights commissions to address and monitor implementation of international human rights obligations.

OTHER POINTS OF CONSENSUS FOR FUTURE ACTION

- Encourage the government of Canada to ratify the American Convention on Human Rights with appropriate reservations, to recognize the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court and to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.
- Develop a Complaints Tribunal (like the Agreement on Interprovincial Trade) to enforce intergovernmental agreements to comply with international treaty obligations in particular sectors such as health, social assistance, education, using UN Committee's recommendations to develop new intergovernmental agreements.
- Create a coordinating body to audit human rights at both levels of government, for example in monitoring children's rights.
- Link international trade and domestic economic policies to human rights.
- Establish a ListServe to provide information to NGOs on various initiatives and activities of common interest.
- Encourage NGO-initiated human rights education rooted in civil society.
- Create greater awareness and conscientization in civil society of obligations undertaken by both levels of government in ratifying human rights treaties.
- Seek a declaration from the Supreme Court to clarify the responsibilities of federal and provincial government in the implementation of international human rights obligations.
- Provide funding for groups promoting compliance with international obligations by provincial and federal governments and give consideration could be give to broadening the mandate of the Court Challenges Program to provide such funding
- Create mechanisms for accountability for obligations undertaken by Canada following various world conferences, for example obligation with respect to reproductive rights in Beijing and Cairo, and obligations with respect to social programs in Copenhagen.
- Develop ways for international and domestic NGOs to work better together.