

III- Quality of information

Canada should become involved in creating one-stop services (central site) in order to:

- Make urgent action appeals available to human rights advocates around the world.
- Publicize reports and other publications by a broad cross-section of human rights organizations.
- Provide links to the sites of these human rights organizations, putting them in touch with possible members and collaborators.
- Provide links to information produced by multilateral organizations and governments on human rights legislation and concerns.

IV- Format of information

- Identify the different types of audiences and adapt the format of the information to them.
- Governments and the United Nations system are poorly targeted as types of audiences that must be able to use information on human rights on the Internet quickly and effectively. Canada should identify its own needs as regards information and human rights on the Internet and convey them to NGOs and other individuals or institutions that collect and disseminate this information on the Internet.
- Funds must be allocated to establishing a system that would function as an exchange point enabling people to know what information is available and promoting dialogue.

This subgroup also made other, more general recommendations:

- Canada must clearly state as part of its foreign policy that freedom of expression and access to information on the Internet are priorities in themselves.
- Canada should give financial support to the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to promote the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

In addition, at the end of the workshop, it was agreed upon that this conference would have a continuation. Several suggestions were made:

- Canada should inform people on a large scale of the recommendations of this conference and share them with the main players involved in the defence of human rights and freedom of expression on the Internet (OECD, UNESCO, governments of both the North and the South, United Nations Commission on Human rights, etc.).