

Perhaps the most obvious trend was the growing interdependence between civil and political rights on one hand and economic, social and cultural rights on the other. It remains a challenge for Canada and other like-minded nations to ensure that the new focus on this "third generation" of rights can coexist with a continued firm commitment to the civil and political rights that have been the Commission's traditional concern.

This challenge will become particularly apparent at next year's session, when the enlargement of the Commission by 10 new members from developing countries takes effect. If the potential for North-South conflict is counterbalanced by an increasing commitment to democracy and human rights in parts of the developing world, the momentum gained at CHR47 could well carry through to CHR48 and beyond.

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