

Group. However, it is the Canadian view that the 1989 objective should not take precedence over the need for a cohesive instrument which clearly defines the rights of the child and the obligations of States. For this reason, a thorough second reading of the text is necessary to eliminate inconsistencies and ensure that the new Convention does not derogate from existing international human rights instruments.

Canada also wants an implementation mechanism which will encourage States parties to meet their obligations as defined in the Convention. To this end, Canada has supported the establishment of a committee composed of independent experts to review periodic reports submitted by States.

The Canadian delegation to the January 1988 meeting of the Working Group will continue to play an active role in the drafting of the Convention.