

At the 52nd session of the Commission on Human Rights, the human rights situation in Croatia was addressed in an omnibus consensus resolution, co-sponsored by Canada, which also dealt with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. At the 51st session of the UN General Assembly, the equivalent resolution was brought to a vote over an issue unrelated to Croatia.

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada is committed to ensuring that the parties to the Dayton Peace Agreement, including Croatia, live up to their obligations. Equally, we support the efforts of the international community to monitor and promote respect for human rights obligations in Croatia. The Canadian Embassy in Zagreb monitors closely human rights issues and maintains contact with human rights organizations active in the country. The Embassy's Canada Fund has been used to support small scale projects which advance democratic development and good governance in Croatia. A number of demarches have been made by Canada to Croatian authorities stressing the need to respect human rights. In Zagreb in April 1996, Minister Axworthy emphasized to both the President and the Foreign Minister of Croatia the importance of Croatian adherence to international human rights norms.