

Individual interventions drawing attention to human rights practices in specific countries were also made.<sup>7</sup> Another debate on Canada's human rights policy occurred at a Subcommittee meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs. Monique Landry the Minister for External Relations appeared as a witness before the committee and engaged MPs in a debate which focussed on the need for greater transparency in Canada's human rights policy and the need for better implementation through agencies such as CUSO.<sup>8</sup>

On 20 December 1991, the Sub-Committee on Human Rights sent a list of findings and recommendations to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, based on consultations held in the Fall of 1991. On the question of policy (as opposed to process) the recommendations called for a clear, consistent policy framework to be applied consistently by the government. Specific recommendations included a call for a clarification of the goals of Official Development Assistance (ODA) and to develop criteria for human rights standards.<sup>9</sup>

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