

criminalize the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and to extend their jurisdiction extraterritorially.

During my recent visit to India, I held discussions on ways Canada could work with India to tackle child labour in that country, including through our newly established \$500 000 Child Development Fund. Also in India, I discussed with NGOs the possibility of applying child-impact assessments to our development programs. Since my return I have raised this idea with my colleague Don Boudria, and CIDA is following up on this proposal. I welcome your views on this initiative.

Making Human Rights an Integral Part of Foreign Policy

Canadian values, including the promotion of human rights, are an integral part of our broader foreign policy. We are committed to integrating human rights activities into the peace, security and development activities of the UN; in the same way, we are committed to integrating them into our own international relations.

We are also developing new tools of foreign policy. In a time of profound international change, we recognize that conventional tools need to be bolstered. Last year I announced two major new tools: the peace-building initiative, and the Canadian International Information Strategy. Both of these have important human rights elements built into them, and as such they will expand our capacity to deal with human rights issues.

The peace-building initiative, supported by a Peace-building Fund, aims to increase Canada's capacity for rapid, co-ordinated and flexible responses to intrastate conflicts. These conflicts, marked by severe human rights violations and repeated cycles of violence, have become increasingly prevalent in the post-Cold War era. Under the initiative will fall a range of human rights activities aimed at building capacity in societies previously riven by violence, such as:

- promoting free access to the media;
- providing human rights training; and
- establishing a roster of human rights experts to assist with these projects.

I am pleased to be able to announce today the operationalization of the Canadian stand-by roster of human rights experts. This roster will ensure that skilled Canadians - such as yourselves - will be able to support the peace-building activities of Canada, the United Nations and other international organizations through human rights protection, monitoring and reconstruction. The roster has been established initially within the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. When it is fully operational, however, its administration will be handed over to