Recommendations

The Canadian government should:

- Support increased funding for the UN Commission on Human Rights and for the Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance.

- Link foreign aid with human rights and freedom of religion guarantees.

- Establish a parliamentary sub-committee to examine the issue of religious intolerance.

- Provide support for the creation of a web-site on religious freedom for the purposes of advocacy and research.

- Provide regular and up-to-date information to the Immigration and Refugee Board on what countries practise religious persecution and the nature of that persecution.

- Use all diplomatic means including at the UN Security Council, to alleviate the suffering of Sudanese Christians and press for a resolution to the conflict.

The following recommendations were submitted by several participants as individuals and on behalf of their organizations. They represent only the views of those organizations and individuals and not necessarily of Canadian Jewish Congress or any other participant.

- Establish a permanent Canadian advisory committee consisting of representatives of faith groups and NGOs to study the issue of religious intolerance and report regularly to the Minister. (The idea was expressed that the members of the roundtable, with possible additions could fulfil that role)

The roundtable also strongly endorses Canada's co-sponsorship of a resolution on freedom of religion at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.