

- 6. Canada should support efforts through multilateral institutions to require transparency in financial arrangements and budgets, in order to reduce corruption and hidden military expenditures which often support human rights abuse.
- 7. Canada should take the initiative through APEC to host a meeting of Asia-Pacific parliamentarians, early in 1998, to discuss issues of human rights and sustainable development (further to the January 1997 successful meeting in Vancouver).
- 8. Canada should facilitate informed public discussion of the proposed MAI and its impact on labour and human rights.
- 9. Canada should ensure that Team Canada participants are sensitized to human rights abuses particular to the region in which they intend to do business. Canada should encourage participants to give equal voice to human rights organizations.
- 10. Canada should facilitate the use of informal organizations to promote human rights internationally. Involvement of civil society at the grass roots level is important and could be achieved through cultural exchanges, educational programs, promotion of regional and national human rights organizations.

  Canada should also strengthen linkages between Canadian organizations and groups and those in Asia-Pacific countries working for the protection of labour and human rights.

- 11. Canada should ensure that representatives from minority and Indigenous groups are present when addressing human rights issues.
- 12. Canada should encourage the Foreign Service to become less eurocentric, more flexible and more collaborative. The Foreign Service should include more Indigenous Peoples and Asian-Canadians.
- 13. Canada should facilitate cooperative discussion and exchange of information on human rights issues internationally.
- 14. Canada should increase Official Development Assistance to established Canadian targets, including monies allocated to NGOs i.e. support for civil society in Canada and the Asia-Pacific region, recognizing that reduction of poverty and improvement in living conditions can help facilitate respect for human rights.
- 15. Canada should direct attention to those groups particularly guilty of human rights abuses e.g. military and police.
- 16. Canada should ensure that child labour and other child exploitation issues are covered under the umbrella of human rights, and should recognize that the complex issue of child labour requires creative development initiatives.
- 17. Canada should consider enforcing the fair wage standards of the ILO.