

- **Organization of American States (OAS) - Inter-American Commission on Women (CIM)**
Canada ratified three OAS Conventions on the rights of women (October 1991) and supported development of a hemispheric convention on violence against women.
- **United Nations**
Canada sponsored a UN Expert Group Meeting on Violence against Women (November 1991) which made recommendations to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) aimed at eliminating all forms of violence against women. Canada will work to secure broad support for these measures at the 36th session of the CSW (March 11-20, 1992). Canada is also seeking support to integrate women's interests into the forthcoming UN Conference on Environment and Development.

"Canada is seeking to focus international attention on areas requiring urgent attention including economic equality for women, the promotion of women's rights as human rights, the elimination of violence against women, and the critical role of women in environmental management and sustainable development," the Minister said.

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