

27. CIDA has provided substantial support to the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San José, Costa Rica. The Institute concentrates on educational activities, such as promoting the incorporation of human rights into the curricula of the educational systems of the region. It also promotes academic research on human rights problems in the region, and organizes meetings to promote in the public mind the idea that human rights should have a prominent place in the scale of human values.

28. IDRC has funded a project with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights in San José, to develop a comprehensive compendium containing the legal instruments in existence at the Inter-American level in the area of human rights.

29. The 1987-88 Program of Work of the Information Sciences Division of IDRC states that projects in the area of "Humanitarian Affairs" will focus on

"information activities related to the right of indigenous peoples and of marginal groups in rural and urban areas to full participation in the development of their country - economic and political rights, and the rights of minorities - that are likely to involve support for regional activities linked with the International Human Rights Information and Documentation System, HURIDOCs".

30. CIDA has also supported the travel of the Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission to Zimbabwe to assess the possibility of support being provided to the Legal Resources Foundation with the collaboration of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre of the University of Ottawa. The Foundation, which promotes public legal education and research wishes to initiate programs promoting the development of legal resources, and to establish a law library.

31. IDRC has provided two fellowships to support work on human rights in developing countries - one to a Filipino on the linkage between human rights and development in Asia, and one to a Canadian on fundamental rights in Columbia.

Safe Products and a Safe Environment

32. In the consumer area, CIDA has made a major grant to the International Organization for Consumers Unions which tests products and educates the public.

33. IDRC has funded a series of studies by the Consumers' Association of Penang in Malaysia. Studies have dealt with such topics as false advertising, product liability law and malpractices in the housing industry.