

Members of the working group recommended that international financial institutions charged with responsibility for development should have as their primary focus "sustainable human development." Trade opportunities and enhancement should be pursued only when they are consistent with the primary mandate.

v. Canada should encourage international financial institutions to focus their resources and energies on "sustainable human development."

Members of this group concurred with others that Canada should establish performance criteria and undertake regular reviews of its membership in international organizations. This emphasis on the centrality of international organizations, the importance of rules-based regimes, and the imperative of performance-based support is the unifying theme of the Second Annual Forum.

c. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Members of this working group see sustainable human development as an overarching policy framework for Canada. Sustainable human development promotes the reduction and eradication of global poverty and the goal of equitable socio-economic development addressing the needs of the poorest regions, women, the disadvantaged sectors of society, and the promotion of human rights. It also ensures the effective stewardship of the global commons through sustainable and equitable global resource