

- When countries show progress towards a marked improvement in their respect for human rights, Canada will reflect this progress in its decisions about funding.
- Diplomatic channels, including ministerial discussions, bilateral meetings, and international consultations, will be used to press governments that violate human rights to improve their records.
- Wherever possible, particular support will be provided for NGOs and other partners promoting progressive human rights activities and education in developing countries.
- During appearances by the responsible ministers before parliamentary committees, the Government undertakes to provide information concerning human rights in countries receiving Canadian development assistance. Given the subject matter, the committees may wish to hold such meetings *in camera*.
- The Government has announced its intention to create an International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. The Centre will work closely with governments, public institutions and NGOs in developing countries, to help establish and strengthen institutions, programs and activities that promote internationally recognized human rights.

Other New Initiatives

- A designated unit within CIDA will be charged with ensuring that development assistance programs are consistent with Canada's foreign policy concern for human rights.
- Canadian development officers will receive special training on human rights.
- Canada supports the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Advisory Services in the Field of Human Rights.