

The previous research compiled for this project on economic, social and cultural rights in Latin America was instrumental in facilitating debate and discussion by the ICCHRLA board regarding a selection of policy options available to us leading up to the Summit. (Please see Annex F for a listing of documents of ICCHRLA discussions and statements regarding the Santiago Summit.)

Also enclosed is the final document from the People's Summit of the America's Human Rights Forum. ICCHRLA was an active participant in this forum and played a role in shaping the final document. This document is currently only available in Spanish.

1.6. *Limitations of the Research:*

ICCHRLA was unable to develop a case-study on the situation of El Salvador regarding economic, social and cultural rights due to unforeseen complications regarding the availability of the youth intern. However, the opportunity to participate in the Santiago Summit to network with Latin American organizations who are working on these issues was determined by the Advisory Committee to be an equally effective mechanism to meet the goals of the research plan. Participation in this event has enabled ICCHRLA to concretize its theoretical research with active involvement in the area of economic, social and cultural rights.

2. Foreign Policy Options

Each of the specific areas of research which were undertaken either highlights or illustrates perspectives and possible policy options for ICCHRLA to consider. A comprehensive listing of the policy options may be found in the Special Report on Trade, Investment and Human Rights in Latin America. This research has allowed ICCHRLA to undertake a comprehensive examination of policy tools and advocacy strategies we may wish to consider regarding economic, social and cultural rights.

3. Results Of Research

Given the varied perspectives and implications of the research, this research project has enabled ICCHRLA and its members to begin to:

- discuss and consider the particular perspectives of partner organizations in Latin America and their views on economic, social and cultural rights;