

The Secretary of State for External Affairs



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Mr. Svend Robinson, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Room 386, Confederation Building  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Svend:

Thank you for your letters dated November 26 and January 26, requesting that the issue of discrimination based on sexual orientation be included in human rights reporting by Canadian missions and in the human rights training course for departmental officers. I regret the delay in replying.

I fully agree with your suggestion that concerns about discrimination against homosexuals or persons with HIV should be reflected in the human rights reporting by our missions abroad. You may be assured that missions will be instructed to this effect. With regard to the External Affairs/CIDA training program, the course content is under ongoing review. I agree with your recommendation that the issue of discrimination based on sexual orientation be addressed in the future.

You have also inquired about the prospects of addressing this issue in the context of the World Conference on Human Rights. As you are aware the Conference is intended to focus on strengthening UN institutional machinery for the promotion and protection of universally recognized human rights. There may be only limited opportunities to address specific forms of discrimination in this context. It is nonetheless our intention to pursue all major human rights concerns of Canadians to the extent possible within the framework of the Conference agenda. Consultations on Canadian priorities are planned for this spring with Canadian NGOs.

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As you have noted, Canada has shown leadership in the CSCE context by trying to raise international consciousness about the problem of discrimination against homosexuals and persons with HIV. We will take every opportunity to do so in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed by  
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