

G.A.C. REPORT - 4/5/92

The Meeting dealt with outstanding issues from the previous meeting as well as part of WG2, Assignment 1.

- 1. Working Group 1 - Terms of Reference.
G.A.C. proposed to amend the Terms of Reference of WG1 (Item 1.1.4 (c)) to include the elimination of racial and gender discriminatory legislation.
- 2. Working Group 1, Sub.G.III & Working Group 3 - Media.
The G.A.C. adopted a proposal on an Independent Communications Authority, covering gender consciousness, access to and participation in media, elimination of sexism in Media and promotion of non-discriminatory educational programmes.
- 3. Working Group 2, Assignment 1.
 - 3.1 General Agreement has been reached on the following recommendation to WG2:
 - 3.1.1 Within the Bill of Rights GAC agreed to the principle of including a clause which would guarantee gender equality and non-discrimination.
 - 3.1.2 This clause could, however, be used to maintain current inequalities if it is not coupled with a clause redressing and eliminating gender inequalities. The Canadian example of problems with a simple equality clause was cited. The GAC agreed to the principle of the need to redress and eliminate gender inequalities.
 - 3.2 The need in principle, for a Charter Document, to be attached to the Constitution in some way and aimed at providing more detail for interpretation of gender rights, was proposed. This will be discussed today.