

tudes towards the armed forces are vitally important. The Sub-committee believes that Canadians as a whole are proud of their armed forces and will support national policies designed to maintain and promote a reasonable military contribution to international peace and Canada's own security.

At the same time, the Sub-committee acknowledges that the government has many other pressing responsibilities in addition to national defence. Investments in the armed forces should not constitute too heavy a drain on the resources needed to promote economic development, maintain social services or carry out other important programmes, but should be in proportion to our international obligations and interests. The maintenance of effective armed forces should go hand in hand with efforts to develop Canada's foreign trade, promote economic development among the poorer nations of the world, and develop good relations with all members of the international community. While protecting itself and contributing to the various arrangements for collective security, Canada, together with its allies and all other nations, should continue to seek international peace and balanced reduction in global armaments.

These are the considerations which guided the Sub-committee in its enquiry into our armed forces' manpower. It set out to examine some of the basic questions underlying the manpower issue: overall manning levels; the manning of the commands and other sectors; personnel problems; and the kind of armed forces which Canada should develop during this decade.