

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

I THE ISSUE OF DEFINITION

The Committee recommends:

- 1. That the federal government in its literature and programs take the lead in establishing consistent usage and common understanding of elder abuse terminology.**
- 2. That any definitions used be tested in various settings across Canada to evaluate their appropriateness for different disciplines and cultures.**

II RISK FACTORS FOR ABUSE

The Committee recommends:

- 3. That the federal government, through the relevant existing federal bodies, provide funding for research aimed at identifying the risk factors for abuse of the elderly in order to develop more focused and targeted prevention interventions.**
- 4. That a portion of this funding be for longitudinal studies aimed at understanding risk factors. This should include studies to clarify the experience of the elderly who are victims of abuse; to determine the role of childhood factors for both the abuser and the abused in cases of abuse toward the elderly; to understand the link between abusive acts toward the elderly and other forms of violence; to expose any link between social factors such as poverty, substance abuse, unemployment, and abuse of the elderly.**