

The activities in paragraph (c) need only relate to Canada – there are no limiting criteria in the Act whereby it may be readily determined whether the activities are important enough in their impact on Canada to merit the Service’s attention. As set out in relation to the same issue discussed under paragraph (b), the Committee believes that “directly” should also precede the word “relating” in paragraph (c). Similarly, the Committee believes that the words “directed toward” should be removed from paragraph (c). The same recommendation was made by the Committee in relation to paragraph (a) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada and is made here for the same reasons.

RECOMMENDATION 9

The Committee recommends that paragraph (c) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada contained in section 2 of the *CSIS Act* be amended by inserting the word “directly” before the phrase “relating to Canada” and by deleting the words “directed toward”.

3.2.5 *Subversion*

Paragraph (d) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada contained in section 2 of the *CSIS Act* is as follows:

- (d) activities directed toward undermining by covert unlawful acts, or directed toward or ultimately intended to lead to the destruction or overthrow by violence of, the constitutionally established system of government in Canada.

Two types of activities are included in paragraph (d) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada. It covers activities that are either:

- 1) directed toward undermining by covert unlawful acts the constitutionally established system of government in Canada; or
- 2) directed toward or intended ultimately to lead to the destruction or overthrow by violence of the constitutionally established system of government in Canada.

Although it does not include subversion *per se* in its definition of security, the *Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act* does include politically motivated violence, promotion of communal violence and acts of foreign interference within its ambit. The British *Security Service Act, 1989* gives its Service a mandate to provide protection from actions intended to overthrow or undermine parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means. The recommendation made by the McDonald Commission in its 1981 Report was similar to paragraph (d), but dealt with “revolutionary