difference in the present situation. As the Commission believes that close control exercised by patents has made it possible to maintain prices of certain drugs at levels higher than wou'd have obtained otherwise and that such patent control has produced no benefits to the public of Canada which would outweigh the disadvantages of the monopoly, the Commission recommends that patents with respect to drugs be abolished. In the opinion of the Commission this is the only effective remedy to reduce the price of drugs in Canada.

7. The retail pharmacists' practice of coding prescriptions to indicate the price charged or quoted should be abandoned and consideration should be given by pharmaceutical associations to removing from their rules any provisions in any way related to the practice.