

Our purpose, therefore, is to provide the Government with what we deem to be essential information on our activities, and to make recommendations in specific areas where Canada might benefit from governmental action in conjunction with or apart from the Federation.

## 1. NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CANADIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (NFCUS)

NFCUS is the representative association of Canadian university students. Its present membership includes approximately 85,000 students from 36 degree-granting institutions - 95 per cent of all full-time university students.

The chief role of the Federation in Canada is to promote the material and intellectual interests of the nation's students; thus one of its essential obligations is to campaign for complete equality of opportunity in education. A second role is to serve as a bond uniting student communities across the country, and to foster a true Canadian spirit and national consciousness despite - and within - geographic and cultural differences.

The founding constitution of 1926 stated that the Federation should be the means for Canadian students to establish contacts and cooperate with other students of the world. This is done through the International Affairs Commission. Responsibility for the conduct of the programme outlined in the course of this memorandum lies with the Vice-President for International Affairs; a student elected annually by the National Congress.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE (ISC)

### History

The ISC was established in 1950 when a number of national unions of students found they could no longer work effectively within the International Union of Students (IUS) because of its partisanship and political bias. The founding members were 20 European and North American countries, including Canada, who met in Stockholm in the First International Student Conference to institute a framework for international cooperation.