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(A)

The Ministers of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, National Health and Welfare and the President of the Treasury Board should cooperate with the Minister Responsible for the Status of Disabled Persons to set up, no later than 1 November 1993, a working group to determine the support in the community for a Canadian Council on Aboriginal People with Disabilities. This Council would advise the government on issues related to Aboriginal people with disabilities and raise awareness within Aboriginal communities and all levels of government on issues related to disability. Seventy-five per cent of the members of this working group should be Aboriginal people with disabilities. The remaining twenty-five per cent should be representatives of national Aboriginal organizations and representatives of band leadership. The membership of the working group should reflect regional balances. The working group should report no later than 31 March 1994.

(B)

If the working group so recommends, the government should immediately establish a Canadian Council on Aboriginal People with Disabilities, or put in place any other mechanism recommended by the working group, in order to ensure that government departments are obliged to consult Aboriginal people with disabilities about relevant policies and initiatives.