

6.12 The Committee recommends that the government continue to give strong support to the promotion of Canadian studies abroad.

Response

The Government agrees. In part through Government support to date, there are Canadian studies programs in universities in about 35 countries. Most of these countries are represented in the 20 national and multinational Canadian studies associations around the world with more than 6000 members. The associations and their members make an important contribution to knowledge and understanding of Canada in their own countries. They reach current and future decision makers and opinion formers through their work. They also contribute to research and dialogue in international and domestic areas of priority interest to Canada. The Government intends to give priority to encouraging teaching, research and publication about Canada by faculty in foreign universities. In addition to the International Council for Canadian Studies, our emphasis will be G-7 countries and those priority countries in the developed and developing world where there are Canadian studies associations.