

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the RADARSAT project, in its revised version, be approved and funded by the Federal Government, with funding to commence in fiscal year 1987-88.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the remote-sensing program (exclusive of RADARSAT) of the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing continue to be funded at the level described in the 1986 Space Plan.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that Canada proceed with its participation in the Space Station Project, provided that:

- a) agreement be reached with the United States on military use of Space Station. A minimum acceptable agreement would be the exclusion of weapons or weapons prototype testing from Space Station;
- b) a satisfactory agreement be negotiated with NASA on Canada's use of Space Station facilities, including polar platforms for Canadian research, Space Station access time, and Canada's share of operating costs;
- c) acceptable assurances be given by the Federal Government that cost increases (overruns) for the MSS will not be met at the expense of other parts of the Space Program.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that Canada's agreement with NASA on participation in the Space Station Project should include access of Canadian astronauts to Space Station.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the Federal Government's funding for the communications component of the Space Program be gradually decreased and that the principal responsibility for research and technology development in this field be assumed by private industry.