

establishment of a tripartite plan should constitute a federal government priority.

This Committee received evidence that dealing with international jurisdictions further disrupts the lives of the people at Akwesasne. In addition to tripartite action, a specific Canada-United States strategic action plan is required. Julie Jacobs, whose daughter Hillary has a bone disease known as osteo-genesis imperfecta, told us of the complications that the international boundary at Akwesasne has caused for her. Ms. Jacobs, who works on the Canadian side of the Akwesasne reserve and lives on the American side, reported the incredibly complicated insurance arrangements that she must make to deal with Hillary's medical expenses. It was explained that:



*We, as employees [of the Akwesasne Mohawk Board of Education], have a group insurance, and... it's mandatory. As employees we have to pay into it, and there's a component in that that is disability, or some disability insurance coverage that goes beyond what the OHIP and Quebec insurance would be able to pay...*

*...because of where she resides... she is not able to make use of that. But the money is still going into that fund.*

*Minutes, Issue 7, pp. 13-14, 19 November 1991*

This Committee believes that this type of situation must be tackled with a view to rationalizing the international circumstances of the people