

We hope that the national forum on post-secondary education announced by the Governor General in the Speech from the Throne on October 1, 1986 will take our findings, submissions, and recommendations under consideration.

If the forum is not successful in reaching decisions on what is to be done, some other way must be found to ensure that post-secondary education of high quality can be achieved and maintained. To try to continue to live with EPF would be to acquiesce in an arrangement that does not promise to serve even tolerably well the needs of our students, our scholars and scientists, our industries — indeed, all Canadians — in the years ahead. We must recognize that as the conviction grows that EPF is not achieving its purpose in the field of post-secondary education, the federal government will tend to yield to the continuing pressure to reduce the cash portion of the transfers to the provincial governments.