

FOREWORD

The purpose of this report is to share some of the understanding we have accumulated. The report does not present the views of either the governments, but rather the views of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs. This is not a challenge facing only one government or only one Minister. This is a challenge for all Canadians, a circumstance that has developed over a series of governments, and one which will require sustained commitment over many years.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

has the honour to present its

While there are many challenges to be met, there are also many positive developments in this field. In the course of their work, members of the Committee have found successes and advances in many spheres of collective and individual endeavour. These successes deserve greater public recognition. Canadians struggling with the same problems

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The Committee invites all Canadians to become aware of the issues that face aboriginal Canadians, because these issues do not affect aboriginal Canadians alone. These issues affect all Canadians. They affect the future strength, prosperity, sense of fairness and

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2) and an Order of the Committee dated October 25, 1989, your Committee, in the autumn of 1989, undertook a thorough review of public policy issues affecting aboriginal people in Canada.

Canadians to participate each in their own way, to advance these issues. Awareness of aboriginal issues and challenges is a necessary first step.

The committee and the Chair in particular, are greatly indebted to the outstanding research and guidance provided by Parliamentary Researcher, Wendy Moore. We are also very grateful for the dedicated efforts and work of Clerk of the committee, Marjorie Simpson. I particularly thank all members of the committee for their guidance, cooperation and hard work. I look forward to working with them as we take on this agenda, important to all Canadians, and particularly important to aboriginal Canadians.