

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 15** — The Committee recommends that both *the Department of Forestry Act (Bill C-29)* and *the Forestry Act* be comprehensively amended to establish the new Department of Forestry as the pre-eminent federal authority with respect to the management of Canada's forest resources and the practice of forestry; and to provide appropriate legislative powers sufficient to permit the new Department to fulfill its mission towards sustainable forestry development.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 16** — The Committee recommends that, to fully support the mandate of the Department of Forestry in its mission to achieve sustainable forestry development in Canada, the federal government allocate the necessary human and financial resources, including but not limited to the following:

- (i) Budget provisions for Forestry Canada to establish an operational forest management capability;
- (ii) Budget provisions to enhance forest management on Indian lands;
- (iii) Budget provisions to establish at least two regional wildlife management research centres east and west in Canada;
- (iv) Budget provisions to participate fully in funding the development of a co-ordinated national forest database and inventory system over the coming five-year period;
- (v) Major funding increases to bring scientific forestry research in Canada to comparable GERD levels with other forest nations;
- (vi) Transfer of FRDAs funding directly to Forestry Canada's base budget, with major increases to match mutually agreed upon schedules for implementing sustainable forestry development with the provinces.

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 17** — The Committee recommends that, in addition to the transfer of FRDA funding to the base budget of the new Department of Forestry, the entire concept of Forest Resource Development Agreements be comprehensively reviewed and amended, in legislation where appropriate, to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) Structures of Agreements to be for long-term periods, subject to revolving review and renewal at regular intervals, on an "evergreen" basis;