

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION 1

The Special Committee recommends that the present procedures set out in the R.C.M.P. National Firearms Manual for screening FAC applicants be applied uniformly by every firearms officer across Canada, and that this application be strictly enforced. (Page 9)

RECOMMENDATION 2

The Special Committee recommends that all future FACs must bear the photograph of the holder. (Page 11)

RECOMMENDATION 3

The Special Committee recommends that the requirement that all new FAC applicants provide the firearms officer with the names of two references be adopted as proposed by the government, provided that the makeup of the prescribed class is constructed to ensure that everyone has a reasonable opportunity to fulfill the requirement. (Page 11)

RECOMMENDATION 4

The Special Committee recommends that the proposed \$50 fee for the issuance of a first-time FAC be adopted subject to confirmation by the Canadian Advisory Council on Firearms that such a figure is justified. (Page 11)

RECOMMENDATION 5

The Special Committee recommends that all FAC applicants between the ages of 16 and 18 years have the consent of a parent, or person having custody or control of the applicant, before there is any processing of the application. (Page 11)

RECOMMENDATION 6

The Special Committee recommends that that portion of section 106(3) of the Criminal Code, which requires that any training requirement be proclaimed province by province, be repealed forthwith. The Committee recommends that the remaining requirement be imposed nationally on all first-time FAC applicants as soon as possible. This should be done after consultation with the provinces, but in any event no later than June 30, 1992. The training requirement should also be amended to provide that all first-time applicants must successfully complete a course covering the competent and safe handling of firearms, and knowledge of firearms control laws. These courses must conform to national standards. Successful completion of a course would entail certification by a qualified instructor that the applicant met the national standards. (Page 12)