

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the federal government, in cooperation with the provinces and municipalities, take on a national leadership role in crime prevention and develop a national crime prevention policy. The policy should set out the following principles and initiatives:

- a. Crime prevention will be included in the mandates of federal departments and agencies responsible for criminal justice, policing, immigration, housing, and social and economic development;
- b. All levels of government are responsible for crime and they must work together to prevent its occurrence;
- c. Crime occurs in communities and priorities concerning crime prevention are best determined at the local level;
- d. The primary approach taken to prevent crime and create safer communities entails a coordinated, multidisciplinary effort to address the root causes of crime; and
- e. Prevention measures include law enforcement, community-based policing, social development and reduction of criminal opportunities. (Page 22)

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the federal government, in consultation with the provinces and territories and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, support the development of a national crime prevention council. The council's mandate should deal mainly with issues of reducing crime. Specifically, it should:

- a. promote community safety;
- b. provide the federal government with advice and participate in policy development on matters related to safer communities;
- c. gather, analyze and disseminate knowledge about crime, crime trends and crime prevention;
- d. provide training, research, evaluation and public education on the prevention of crime;
- e. provide funding assistance to local governments and community organizations to implement community safety initiatives; and
- f. include membership from federal, provincial and municipal governments, and professionals and practitioners involved in crime prevention, health, social services, housing and education. (Page 23)