

- 6.10 In addition, the Committee recommends that the Government of Canada seek the co-operation of interested provincial governments to increase support for the "internationalization" of education, that is, support for academic and student mobility, institutional exchanges, and the development of international research and development networks.
- 6.13 The Committee therefore recommends that the government give careful consideration to programs that will assist Canadian scholars, academics and institutions of higher education in their international exchanges where these will be of benefit to Canada.

Response

*The Government has enjoyed excellent relations with the provinces, through the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada (CMEC), in the area of education-related international activities. The CMEC has been invited to participate in meetings on North American co-operation in higher education, research and training as well as in round tables leading to strengthened co-operation in education with the European Union. It has similarly been represented at education-related meetings of APEC. Occasionally, individual provinces have also had representatives at these meetings. The Government intends to build on this co-operation as it addresses the requirement for the "internationalization" of higher education.*

*Canada is currently negotiating a program of cooperation in education and training with the European Union and a similar program with the United States and Mexico, as indicated in the response to recommendation 6.4. In addition, we expect to be able to participate within the next two years in the program of University Mobility in Asia Pacific.*