

participation in international forest trade efforts with the Department of External Affairs and International Trade, including direct support to forestry projects of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 13 — The Committee recommends that in all less specific federal government activities related to forest resources (such as taxation policies, pesticide regulations, regional development programs and public forums on the environment) consultative relationships with Forestry Canada should be formally mandated through Memoranda of Understanding and inter-departmental committees.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 14 — The Committee recommends that research and development in forestry science and technology must be significantly expanded as a key element of Forestry Canada's mandate, and that increased resources be committed to support the research priority, bearing the following principles in mind:

- (i) That all forest-related research now being performed by various federal agencies should be consolidated under Forestry Canada direction;
- (ii) That Forestry Canada take a leadership role in co-ordinating forest research among the various public and private agencies now conducting such research in Canada;
- (iii) That Forestry Canada direct its own research projects to long-term studies which bear national implications and are unlikely to be performed by others, such as growth and yield modelling and analysis;
- (iv) That Forestry Canada budgets be increased to provide stable support for forest research at universities, in matching collaboration from the provinces and/or from industry, in a similar way to the McIntire-Stennis Co-operative Forestry Research Program in the U.S.A.;
- (v) That innovative new research directions be initiated with respect to such issues as the environmental impacts of forestry operations and such specific controversial areas as ecosystem analysis, biological diversity and clear-cutting practices.
- (vi) That wildlife be an integral component of forest research, and that wildlife research centres be established at key regional locations in Canada.