

services needed to plan and set up meetings at regular intervals could be provided by the Federal Centre for AIDS.

The actual management body might better be composed of people who have the necessary expertise and involvement with the response to the disease, but who could also maintain an arms length relationship with those who will actually be implementing the Strategy. They should have a sufficient connection to the governments and non-governmental organizations involved, that they will enjoy the confidence of the major partners and be in a position to influence them; but they must also be able to maintain a sufficiently objective detachment so as to be able to play a watchdog role. This would be a difficult prescription to fill, and the responsibility falls ultimately to the Department, in full consultation with its partners in the fight against AIDS, to propose an appropriate management body.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

The Committee recommends that a consultative process be set up to advise on the implementation of a National Strategy, involving representatives from the range of organizations identified in the proposal concerning a Canadian Council on AIDS, as set out in "A Working Document for the Development of a National Strategy on HIV Infection and AIDS."

One essential element in the management of the National Strategy is the involvement of Persons Living With AIDS groups, and such community-based support groups as the Canadian AIDS Society. In addition to their role in delivering programs and services to their communities, these organizations have the knowledge and expertise to make a vital contribution to the design and carrying out of all AIDS/HIV programs.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

The Committee recommends that the management of the National Strategy recognize the necessity of involving Persons Living With AIDS and community-based support groups in the development and implementation of AIDS/HIV programs.

The Committee was both concerned and perplexed when it was revealed that the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Advisory Committee on AIDS