

easily across the border thereby allowing the CCRA to focus interdiction efforts on areas of higher or unknown risk, and ultimately relieve congestion.

Discussions continue with the US government with respect to the development of a secure program for harmonized commercial processing. Canada has proposed that the CSA provides a secure model for current planning with the US government to align our commercial processing programs.

The US Customs Service also announced recently the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), a new initiative designed to protect the security of cargo entering the United States while improving the flow of trade, by offering expedited commercial processing to those participants who have completed a full risk assessment encompassing both security and trade compliance.

Recommendation 6

That, in its upcoming December budget, the Government of Canada provide the additional resources necessary for customs and immigration officials active in security and border management, and for the necessary physical improvements to border operations.

The 2001 Budget provided \$7.7 billion to enhance the personal and economic security of Canadians. Of the total, \$6.5 billion is targeted for increased intelligence and policing, better screening of entrants to Canada, enhanced emergency preparedness, support for the military, and greater air security. In addition, \$1.2 billion has been allocated for initiatives aimed at strengthening border security, facilitating the flow of goods and people, and improving border infrastructure.

Of the \$ 6.5 billion, \$1 billion has been provided for:

- improving the screening of individuals entering Canada, including expanding the number of immigration officers both abroad and in Canada;
- improving the processes for validating refugee claims, and for detaining and removing individuals who pose security threats to Canada; and
- improving the integrity of documentation provided to new immigrants and existing permanent residents of Canada.

Of the \$1.2. billion for border-related measures, \$600 million has been provided to improve infrastructure (such as highways, commercial vehicle processing centres and technology) that supports major border crossings and \$646 million has been targeted for measures to enhance border security while improving the flow of goods and people between Canada and the U.S., including: