

Meech Lake to absolute rejection of both the Accord and the Companion Resolution. Committee hearings were televised and attracted a good deal of media attention. We received, in addition, over 800 written submissions from a wide variety of individuals and organizations across Canada.

Our task has not been easy but despite the variety of conflicting evidence and contradictory opinion, we are convinced there are solutions.

This report is our attempt to use the information we received to assist Canadians in understanding the nature of the problem and to suggest both immediate solutions to the present impasse and a longer term process whereby future generations of Canadians can add to whatever we have been able to accomplish at this time.

We realize that for historical, political and legal reasons not everyone is going to agree with our analysis or recommendations. However, we have tried to address the problems to the best of our ability. Having done so we acknowledge that, in practical terms, the solution to the present impasse is in the hands of others and we respectfully submit the following report for consideration.