

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION No. 1 — The Committee recommends that, in recognition of and support for cultural imperatives in Canada, the Government of Canada introduce amendments to the *Department of Communications Act* to change the name of the Department to the Department of Culture and Communications; further, that such amendments fully reflect the cultural mandate and responsibilities of that Department.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2 — The Committee recommends that the Government of Canada address policy development in culture and communications within a comprehensive structure comprising:

A) a Canadian Cultural Policy, consisting of:

- (i) a component for the arts and artists, including the performing, visual and literary arts, as well as crafts;
- (ii) a component for cultural industries, including broadcast programming, film and video production, sound recording, and publishing; and
- (iii) a component for heritage preservation, including galleries, museums, historic sites and buildings, libraries and archives;

B) a Canadian Communications Policy, consisting of:

- (i) a broadcasting transmission component, including radio, television, cable and satellites; and
- (ii) a telecommunications component, including telephone service, telecopying, teleconferencing, direct data transmission and satellite communications.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3 — The Committee recommends that, in guiding policy development in culture and communications, the Government of Canada should:

- (i) recognize the creative role of the artist;
- (ii) recognize a priority for standards of excellence in programming and production;
- (iii) encourage citizen awareness of, and access to, Canadian cultural and communications products and services;