

- 6.9 The Committee also recommends that the Government of Canada dedicate itself to the promotion of a vibrant Canadian culture by increasing its support for creative artists and creative scholars, and to the development of the means necessary for the distribution at home and abroad of what these artists and scholars create.

Response

*The Government agrees. The vitality of Canada's cultural and academic community is largely dependant upon its access to, and success on, the international stage. In this light, the Government recognizes the leading role it must take in support of Canada's international cultural industries and educational services. Canada has opened Canadian Education Centres in Taipei and Seoul. The Government will expand the network to include Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines and, subject to specific marketing studies, most probably Tokyo, due to their remarkable success. This model, with variations as required, may be expanded to other regions of the world. The Government is examining ways to strengthen further its capacity to market effectively both cultural industries and educational services.*