

- c) **Security of Government Assets:** the responsibility of the Government to protect those human, intellectual and physical assets which it manages in trust for the people of Canada;
- d) **Economic Security:** the conditions necessary to sustain a competitive international position, provide productive employment, and contain inflation;
- e) **International Peace and Security:** the ability of the international system to evolve, while avoiding war, containing regional conflicts and minimizing violence.

The Committee believes that the *CSIS Act* should be amended to indicate clearly what is meant by “detrimental to the interests of Canada”.

RECOMMENDATION 4

The Committee recommends that the phrase “detrimental to the interests of Canada”, used in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada, contained in section 2 of the *CSIS Act*, be itself defined.

The phrase “activities directed towards or in support of” espionage or sabotage is somewhat vague and unclear. If activities are “in support of” some other activity, a concrete link between one and the other will have to be shown — the same does not apply to “activities directed toward” which would appear to be one or more steps removed from the ultimate activity. The use of such vague terminology in this part of the definition appears to give CSIS too wide a mandate in relation to espionage and sabotage. This vague wording may also make paragraph (a) susceptible to a successful *Charter* challenge in the courts. Therefore, this part of the definition is also in need of amendment to reduce any overbreadth in the Service’s mandate.

RECOMMENDATION 5

The Committee recommends that paragraph (a) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada contained in section 2 of the *CSIS Act* be amended by removing the words “directed toward or”.

3.2.3 *Foreign-Influenced Activities*

Paragraph (b) of the definition of threats to the security of Canada is as follows:

- (b) foreign-influenced activities within or relating to Canada that are detrimental to the interests of Canada and are clandestine or deceptive or involve a threat to any person.