

- 2) have the obligation to submit its final report to Parliament, not within a predetermined time limit, but only at such a time as the Committee considers appropriate; and
- 3) have its staff security cleared before the start of the review.

The security and intelligence community plays an important role in Canada. It must perform its functions effectively with the resources at its disposal, but it must do so without infringing rights and freedoms and while being accountable for its actions. In 1984, Parliament made important changes to the security and intelligence community by adopting the CSIS Act and the Security Officers Act. These provisions and operation were the object of this comprehensive review.

When the House of Commons appointed the Committee on June 27, 1989, the members knew that the task they had been assigned was extensive, complex and that had to be completed within a tight time limit. They were also fully aware of the difficulty and importance of their assignment. With the best of intentions, the Committee undertook, as described throughout this Report, a search for the best possible background and innovative in the pursuit of its mandate to review the CSIS Act.

The Committee's comprehensive review was conducted in a period of rapid and dynamic change. Recently, there have been significant developments in international political events which necessitate a re-examination of Canada's basic political changes have occurred in many respects. The impact of alliances, institutions and ideology, which have been a major factor in the beginning. Resulting from this era of international change, the Committee has identified challenges for Canada's security and intelligence community. These challenges are fuelled by changing alliances, government policies and international events.

The security and intelligence community has experienced a period of uncertainty in recent years. After a number of years of relative stability, the RCMP Security Service, the Service has undergone a major restructuring as a result of the implementation of many of the recommendations of the Advisory Team. The Service is much changed from the time of the Advisory Team. The Service is still in the process of being restructured and adapting to changing internal and external conditions.

As a result of its comprehensive review of the CSIS Act and the Security Officers Act, the Committee has identified a number of recommendations, although it came across a number of issues it believes that it is necessary to address. The Committee believes that the security and intelligence community has been well served by the CSIS Act and the Security Officers Act has been well and that the CSIS Act. Based on this fundamental objective, the Committee recommends that the CSIS Act