

# SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

## PREAMBLE

The Sub-Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sport was created in June 1979 by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, Social Affairs, Senior and Status of Women. At its first meeting, held in November 1980, the Sub-Committee decided to study the Report of the Task Force on National Sport Policy, published in August 1988 and entitled *Towards 2000: Building Canada's Sport System*.

During the meeting, the Sub-Committee also stated its intention to study the recommendations of the Rubin Commission, responses for the inquiry into drug use by athletes. In this regard, the former Minister for Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Jean Charest, indicated to the members of the Sub-Committee that the Rubin Report would be referred to them.

The Sub-Committee's public hearings began in December 1983 and continued May 1984, dealt mainly with a study of the Task Force Report. Some fifteen witnesses were heard and almost twenty-five briefs were received. The Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, various national sports organizations (NSOs), and various multi-sport services and facilities-holding agencies appeared before the Sub-Committee.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Use of Drugs and Banned Practices intended to increase Athlete Performance, chaired by the Honourable Charles J. Rubin, was officially tabled in the House of Commons on 23 June 1980. During the hearings held in July on this report, the Sub-Committee addressed issues mainly related to progress for the violation of the government's anti-doping policies. At the request of the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Marcel Danis, the Sub-Committee transmitted its views to the Minister by way of a resolution, copy of which is provided in Appendix A.

Hearings were continued in the fall on matters related to doping for coaches. A motion requesting the establishment of an independent institution in the case of Mr. Antzeij Kulesza was adopted unanimously. Appendix B presents a copy of this motion.