

- 6.2 The Committee further recommends that Canada's international cultural, scientific, and educational foreign policy seek to:
- 6.2A affirm Canada's cultural sovereignty.
- 6.7 As suggested in the Chapter on trade, the Government of Canada should use the cultural industries exemption provided under the NAFTA and the FTA to introduce regulatory and any other measures to protect and promote Canadian cultural industries.
- 6.8 The government should seek alliances with like-minded countries in future international negotiations to recognize the need to protect and promote national cultures.

Response (see also response to recommendation 3.2C)

*The Government agrees. The continuing existence of a dynamic, unique space of our own in the North American cultural environment is fundamental to Canada's sense of purpose and identity.*

*The Government will continue to work closely with like-minded countries that recognize the need to protect and promote their national identity and cultural values. Within the G-7 and at the Miami Summit of the Americas, Canada obtained recognition by all participants (including the United States) that governments have an important role to play in promoting "diversity of content, including cultural and linguistic diversity" in the emerging global information society.*

*Canada is negotiating an enlarged agreement with the Council of Europe allowing Canada to participate fully in all activities of the Council relating to culture and cultural heritage. Canada has also established a mechanism for annual policy consultations with the EU on cultural matters. In addition, Canada's participation in cultural activities within la Francophonie and the Commonwealth provide it with opportunities to strengthen relations with like-minded countries.*

*When necessary, the Government has negotiated exemptions for Canadian cultural industries within the WTO, FTA and NAFTA.*