

LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee recommends that the federal government set a national goal of achieving a level of Gross Expenditures on Research and Development equal to 1.9% of the Gross Domestic Product, by the year 2000, and 2.5% by the year 2005.
2. The Committee recommends that the federal government give consideration to the advisability of allocating its science and technology expenditures such that:
 - a) the budgets of the three granting councils be doubled over a period of three years. The adequacy of their budgets should then be reviewed by the Minister for Science, and efforts should be made to preserve their level of funding relative to the total level of federal expenditures on R&D.
 - b) the budget of the Science Council of Canada be restored to its former funding level of \$5 million. Subsequent budgets should at least preserve this minimum level of funding in constant dollar terms.
 - c) the IRAP budget be increased to \$100 million in the fiscal year 1991-92. Subsequent budgets should at least preserve this minimum level of funding in constant dollar terms.
 - d) the Unsolicited Proposals Program be reinstated at its prior annual level of \$25 million. Subsequent budgets should at least preserve this minimum level of funding in constant dollar terms.
3. The Committee recommends that "big science" projects be considered only in the context of established criteria and priorities and that funding for such projects not be at the expense of adequate support for the basic national scientific infrastructure.
4. The Committee recommends that the federal government minimize the rate of change in its programs and staff at Industry, Science and Technology Canada, to provide stability for long-term planning in the research and development sector.
5. In order to minimize funding uncertainty in the research community, the Committee recommends that the federal government adopt a revolving five-year science expenditure plan. This plan should be published annually.