

- 6.5 The Committee wishes to encourage the Canadian universities which are home to a sizeable number of foreign students to adopt the practice, widespread in other countries, of keeping track of foreign students when they return to their home country, by corresponding with them regularly, by encouraging the formation of alumni groups in foreign countries and by inventing new means of staying in touch.

Response

*Many Canadian universities have already recognized the importance of maintaining ongoing contact with their foreign alumni and are implementing effective ways to do so. For its part, the DFAIT is drawing the recommendations of the Committee to the attention of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges, and the Canadian Bureau for International Education so that they may bring them to the attention of their membership. In addition, DFAIT will seize other opportunities to encourage Canadian universities and colleges to follow-up on this recommendation. Canada's missions abroad will assist universities and colleges in this effort where practical.*