

- (i) to help sustain and carefully expand Canada's diverse use and enjoyment of its forest resources, recognizing that increased future development of the forests may prove essential to those goals;
- (ii) to fulfill Canada's obligation to help sustain the earth's ecosystems on a global basis;
- (iii) to help accomplish the foregoing while fully respecting the basic constitutional authority of the provinces for most forest management in Canada.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3 — The Committee recommends that, in the context of its mission and to fully embrace a comprehensive vision of Canada's forest resources, the new Department of Forestry should be renamed the federal Department of Forests (Forests Canada).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4 — The Committee recommends that the Government of Canada empower the new Department of Forestry with a mandate that is fully consistent with the importance of Canada's forests to the country, and with a mandate that is fully compatible with the mission to establish the concept of sustainable forestry development in Canada. Such a mandate should include:

- (i) Consolidation of major federal activities relating to forest land management, forestry and forest industries within the responsibility and authority of Forestry Canada;
- (ii) Provision of the financial and human resources necessary to fulfill that responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5 — The Committee recommends that, consistent with land-use goals and objectives of the Department of National Defence, all forest management responsibilities on its lands be delegated to the new Department of Forestry.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6 — The Committee recommends that the new Department of Forestry be assigned responsibility for operational advisory services to native people for forestry management on all forested lands which fall directly or indirectly within the administration of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; such services would include strategic planning for integrated management and multiple use, silviculture, professional training and funding assistance, all in close consultation with native leaders.