

In the event that the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General decides not to establish a sub-committee on security and intelligence, the Committee believes that the *CSIS Act* and the *Security Offences Act* should be amended to provide for another parliamentary review five years after the tabling of this Report.

The Committee believes that the work it accomplished has been productive, despite the difficulties it has encountered. The recommendations in this Report are testimony to that fact. The usefulness of Parliament reviewing the provisions and operations of the *CSIS Act* and the *Security Offences Act* should not be disregarded in the future. Nor should its right to do so be discounted. The Committee nevertheless believes that the five-year review, although better than nothing, does not have the same advantages as a continuing review by Parliament.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 115**

**The Committee recommends that, in the event that the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General decides not to establish a sub-committee on security and intelligence, section 56 of the *CSIS Act* and section 7 of the *Security Offences Act* be re-enacted to provide for another parliamentary review five years after the tabling of this Report.**

In the course of its work, the Committee encountered a number of difficulties. It did not have full access to the materials and officials it required to conduct the comprehensive review required by the law. The one-year time limit imposed on the Committee to complete its work, provided for in the *CSIS Act* and the *Security Offences Act*, also proved to be an impediment. The Committee believes that Parliament should take note of these difficulties if it decides in favour of another five-year review.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 116**

**The Committee recommends that, in the event Parliament opts for another five-year review, the *CSIS Act* and *Security Offences Act* be amended to provide that the Committee established for the purposes of conducting such a review:**

- 1) have access to any information under the control of the Service that relates to the performance of the duties and functions of the Committee and be entitled to receive from the Director and employees such information, reports and explanations as the Committee deems necessary for the performance of those duties and functions;**