

# SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT

## PREAMBLE

The Sub-Committee on Fitness and Amateur Sport was created in June 1989 by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, Social Affairs, Seniors and Status of Women. At its first meeting, held in November 1989, the Sub-Committee decided to study the Report of the Task Force on National Sport Policy, published in August 1988 and entitled *Toward 2000: Building Canada's Sport System*.

During this meeting, the Sub-Committee also stated its intention to study the recommendations of the Dubin Commission, responsible for the inquiry into drug use by athletes. In this regard, the former Minister for Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Jean Charest, indicated to the members of the Sub-Committee that the Dubin Report would be referred to them.

The Sub-Committee's public hearings began in December 1989 and, until May 1990, dealt mainly with a study of the Task Force Report. Some fifteen witnesses were heard and almost twenty-five briefs were received; the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, athletes, national sports organizations (NSOs), and various multi-sport service and franchise-holding agencies appeared before the Sub-Committee.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Use of Drugs and Banned Practices Intended to Increase Athletic Performance, chaired by the Honourable Charles L. Dubin, was officially tabled in the House of Commons on 27 June 1990. During the hearings held in July on this Report, the Sub-Committee addressed issues mainly related to penalties for the violation of the government's anti-doping policies. At the request of the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport, the Honourable Marcel Danis, the Sub-Committee transmitted its views to the Minister by way of a resolution, copy of which is provided in Appendix A.

Hearings were continued in the fall on matters related to penalties for coaches. A motion requesting the establishment of an independent arbitration in the case of Mr. Andrzej Kulesza was adopted unanimously. Appendix B presents a copy of this motion.