

integration of persons with disabilities is to become a reality. The need is there, and the political support is there. Governments now just have to act. We therefore recommend:

- 1. That the Government of Canada, in partnership with people with disabilities, representatives of the private and voluntary sectors, organized labour, and this Committee, make the economic integration of people with disabilities a continuing national priority, and develop a national action strategy including the specific initiatives set out in recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to be presented during National Access Awareness Week in 1991.**
- 2. That a more effective mechanism be established within the federal government to ensure ongoing and consistent monitoring, advocacy and coordination on behalf of disabled persons in relation to all policy, legislation and regulations.**
- 3. That all federal departments, Crown corporations and agencies be required, under the supervision of the mechanism recommended above, to review and, where necessary, reform legislation and regulations to ensure the comprehensive inclusion of disabled persons in existing federal programs.**
- 4. That an immediate audit of and report on the employment equity process internal to the federal government, as it relates to persons with disabilities, be undertaken on a department by department, directorate by directorate, agency by agency, and occupational level by occupational level basis, by Treasury Board using criteria agreed to by the Canadian Human Rights Commission.**
- 5. That the Government of Canada undertake, in cooperation with provincial, territorial and municipal governments, to develop a federal-provincial-municipal plan of action for disabled persons that will ensure ongoing consultations, cooperation and coordinated action. This plan of action should be initiated at the forthcoming meeting of federal and provincial first ministers on the economy.**
- 6. That the Government of Canada increase funding for research related to persons with disabilities, including cost-benefit analyses of integration and, in particular, commit itself to fund Statistics Canada in conducting a post-censal survey of people with disabilities in conjunction with the 1991 census so that the important data obtained in 1986 can be updated.**