

D. CARRIER COOPERATION

Both our national carriers made substantial and useful presentations to the Committee. While we recognize they are competitors in the domestic and transborder markets, we were dismayed by the marked differences in their views. We don't think that this division of opinion will, if it continues, be very productive and positive for the negotiations. We think our major carriers should set aside their competitive instincts and try to develop a unified position. Therefore, we recommend:

23. That Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International make every reasonable effort to develop a uniform position on the major negotiating issues in order to facilitate the government's development of a comprehensive negotiating strategy.