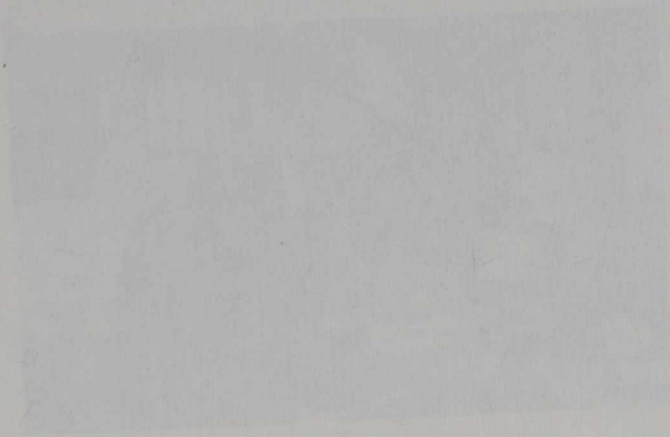


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INTRODUCTION



During the past fifteen months, the Committee has endeavored to ensure that there has been considerable progress made under the Government of Canada to act upon all of the recommendations which have been made in previous DISABILITY REPORTS. The members of the Committee have been inspired by the interest, dedication and responsibility which have been demonstrated by several departments, by the Ministers of these organizations, and by their staff members. In many cases, these public servants have acted well beyond the wording of the recommendations, and have provided solutions to problems which show a deep understanding of the needs of disabled persons, and a commitment to their long-term aspirations.

While these efforts are laudatory, however, the Committee has identified certain obstacles which are still in the way of progress. It is to be hoped that these obstacles will be removed, and that the concerns of the disabled community will be addressed.

The progress report deals with both the accomplishments and the shortcomings of the Government response to disabled Canadians during the past year.
