

categorizing and controlling firearms that present a particular danger. That section of the report will also deal with such approaches to the regulation of firearms as safe storage requirements and amnesties. Chapter 4 will then deal with the role and present mandate of the newly-established Canadian Advisory Council on Firearms and the use of regulatory provisions. That chapter will set out the critical part which we would recommend the Council play in an improved system, and the additions to its mandate which may be necessary so that it can discharge this role.

Chapter 5 will address the two issues which the Special Committee regards as being of primary importance, but which have been neglected in the government's package — criminal use of firearms and the problem of border control. Many witnesses were dismayed that the government had not addressed the need for stronger and better-enforced penalties for criminal use of firearms. The Special Committee shares their sense of deep and overriding concern that this matter has not been addressed, and recommends in the strongest possible terms that this concern must be responded to on an urgent basis. In addition, the problem of adequate border controls must also be tackled if the recommendations that we make throughout this report are to result in a more effective system. All that we recommend will be to no avail if these two problems are not dealt with as priority matters for legislative and administrative action.