

at all levels in terms of jurisdiction, quality, management and resourcing. The fourth volume entitled, *A Declaration of First Nations Jurisdiction over Education*

- affirms the inherent aboriginal right to self-government;
- states that education is both an inherent aboriginal right and a treaty right;
- calls on the Government of Canada to vacate the field of administering First Nations education and for the radical reform of the Indian Act;
- affirms that First Nations education includes a holistic approach covering the complete range of education needs, including post-secondary education, and must be of a standard at least comparable to provincial schooling;
- states that jurisdictional control requires that all necessary and required financial resources previously managed by other governments be managed by First Nations educational authorities;
- calls for adequate resourcing, a multi-year budget system, and the elimination of cyclical shortfalls in federal budgets; and
- declares the implementation of First Nations jurisdiction over education requires the recognition of the sovereign status of First Nations and reforms of federal policy and legislation.

In 1989, this Committee reviewed the matter of post-secondary education assistance to aboriginal students and tabled a Report to Parliament. Since then the Department has revised the program. The Committee may return to this issue during the current Session to review government action since the Committee's report.