III THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM

The Committee recommends:

- 5. That the federal government, through the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics and Statistics Canada, undertake a national survey to collect accurate data on the abuse in Canada of men and women over 65 years of age.
- 6. That this national survey be followed by regular data collection in other national surveys to determine if the problem is changing over time.
- 7. That data on the extent and nature of abuse in institutional settings be collected as part of any national survey.

IV FEDERAL INITIATIVES

The Committee recommends:

- 8. That the federal government, through its Interdepartmental Steering Committee set up to coordinate the Family Violence Prevention Initiative, make public the activities related to abuse of the elderly undertaken to date by all departments including the amount of money allocated to each.
 - 9. That the federal government continue to promote partnerships among federal departments, among different levels of government and within the community to address the abuse of older Canadians and that these partnership efforts be supported with appropriate levels of funding.
- 10. That the federal government ensure that older Canadians representing both sexes and of different ages and ethnicity serve as members of advisory committees.