

Recommendation 14

The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency have a stable five-year budget that includes funding for all space R&D activities of the Federal Government.

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The Committee recommends that an Advisory Council on Space, comprised of representatives from industry, university and government, be established to advise on space policy. The Advisory Council should report to the Minister responsible for the Space Agency.

Recommendation 16

The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency have the authority to negotiate agreements on international space projects with its counterparts in other countries.

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The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency, in consultation with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), carry out a comprehensive study of the training and supply of space scientists and engineers and develop mechanisms to ensure an appropriate supply of qualified personnel for future years.

Recommendation 18

The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency, in consultation with NSERC, develop mechanisms to fund university space research that would be complementary to NSERC funding and that would encourage greater interaction between university and government scientists, and industry.

Recommendation 19

The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency, in cooperation with DRIE, should reassess the feasibility of the proposed regional distribution of space hardware contracts and determine if alternative approaches would be more appropriate in regions where no space hardware manufacturing capability exists at the present time.

Recommendation 20

The Committee recommends that the Canadian Space Agency should establish formal procedures, including peer-review mechanisms where appropriate, to evaluate new proposals for research as well as the results of R&D supported by Agency funding.

Recommendation 21

The Committee recommends that Canada not develop a capability to launch satellites but, instead, continue to participate in international projects with countries which have a satellite-launching capability.