

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the XC of DEA declare S&T/Industrial Development to be a priority field and orient the action of the elements accordingly, by drafting a circular document defining its terms of reference and establishing the priority;
2. That the appropriate divisions in the Department be re-grouped to ensure that the necessary attention is given to this function and that a plan for reorganizing the personnel be drawn up (the work to be given to a special group within the Department);
3. That the newly created unit act as a focal point for policy development for the acquisition, distribution and marketing of technological developments and new technologies;
4. That the newly created unit assist the geographical bureaux responsible for the management of this activity by targeting this activity in liaison with domestic networks and be tasked:
 - a. to provide support for the technological offices abroad in concert with geographical bureaux;
 - b. to promote the use of the network by small and medium-sized Canadian companies through a selective "marketing" programme;
 - c. to identify, through the use of an advisory committee, the key areas for which technological information will be required from abroad;
 - d. to assess information received from abroad, to distribute this information making use of existing domestic channels, and to maintain an institutional memory, through the use of a computer data base, of these reports and follow-up activities based on them;
 - e. to manage the use of the funds set aside to support foreign technology acquisition activities by the private sector;
5. That the Catalytic Seed Fund be augmented through the creation of a separate category (CSF-B) in order to encourage small and medium-sized Canadian companies to undertake technology investigation and acquisition visits abroad;