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The Special Committee believes that this is not an area in which we can afford to take any. Therefore, controls on the legal entry of firearms are essential to protect public safety. The additional resources must be provided to allow customs officers and others to do the job.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Special Committee recommends that the federal government undertake a comprehensive review of all issues affecting the ability of the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, to provide effective protection against the illegal entry of firearms into Canada. Such a review should take as a minimum a consideration of the level of military equipment of the various countries in regard to firearms laws. It is the government's responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient resources to carry out the review and to provide the necessary training and equipment to the customs officers.

It is further recommended that the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, be authorized to conduct a comprehensive review of all issues affecting the ability of the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, to provide effective protection against the illegal entry of firearms into Canada.

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