

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE ACTIONS OF CANADIAN OFFICIALS IN
RELATION TO MAHER ARAR**

POLICY REVIEW

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

December 14, 2004

My Policy Review mandate directs me to make recommendations on an independent, arm's-length review mechanism for the activities of the RCMP with respect to national security based on :

- i) an examination of models, both domestic and international, for that review mechanism; and
- ii) an assessment of how the review mechanism would interact with existing review mechanisms.

I wish to carry out a thorough public consultation process to assist me in formulating these recommendations. I have therefore prepared a Consultation Paper, as well as eight Background Papers, all of which are now available on the Commission's website. A List of Issues for the Policy Review is also available on the Commission's website.

These documents are intended to foster a public discussion about the many questions raised by my Policy Review mandate. I am interested in hearing the public's views on the questions raised in these documents, as well as any other that may be relevant to the Policy Review. I am particularly interested in receiving submissions as to specific recommendations that I should make.

Any individual, group or organization, including any government organization, who wishes to make submissions is invited to do so by **January 31, 2005**.

Comments may be submitted by e-mail (inquiry.admin@bellnet.ca), by fax (613-992-2366), or by mail to PO Box 507, Station B, Ottawa, ON, K1P 5P6. Any questions should be directed to Andrea Wright, Legal Counsel, who can be reached at the above addresses or by phone at 613-996-4741.

Once I have reviewed the public's comments, I will invite those to whom I wish to pose questions to participate in public hearings.

I look forward to the public's comments, which I have no doubt will be of great value to me in fulfilling my Policy Review mandate.