

NOVA SCOTIA GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE MAIN THESIS OF
THE FIRST REPORT DRAFT PRESENTED TO THE FEBRUARY 1980
MEETING OF CONTINUING COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS ON RESOURCE
OWNERSHIP AND INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE ON THE CONSTITUTION

WE RECOGNIZE THAT A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS AND THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON NOVA SCOTIA'S POSITION
ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT. WE ON THESE CONCERNS BRING OUT BY
RESOURCE OWNERSHIP AND INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE
TAKING THEM. NOVA SCOTIA WOULD WELCOME FURTHER
FACILITATION BY THESE PROVINCES AND BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
BY A WAY TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE FINAL DRAFT

IT IS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND
OF CANADA AS A WHOLE, THAT THE HONOURABLE HARRY W. HOW, Q.C. BE APPOINTED
AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
TO EXERCISE THE NECESSARY EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE POWERS TO
ENSURE THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO ALL CANADIANS AND TO ALL
PROVINCES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MONTREAL, CANADA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1980
THOSE ARRANGEMENTS
AND THOSE
WHICH FROM TIME TO TIME SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER TO
MEET THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS TO THEIR PEOPLE. THOSE ARRANGEMENTS
MUST ALSO BE SUCH AS TO PRESERVE IN CANADA THE SENSE OF
BELONGING, BELONGING AND ACCORD TO CANADIAN DEMOCRACY WHICH
IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONCEPT OF NATIONALITY

NOVA SCOTIA GENERALLY SUPPORTS THE MAIN THRUST OF THE "BEST EFFORTS" DRAFT PRESENTED TO THE FEBRUARY 1979 MEETING OF FIRST MINISTERS ON THE CONSTITUTION ON RESOURCE OWNERSHIP AND INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT A NUMBER OF PROVINCES, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HAVE RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT. MANY OF THESE CONCERNS ARISE OUT OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS CURRENTLY BEING FACED BY THE PARTICULAR PARTIES RAISING THEM. NOVA SCOTIA WOULD WELCOME FURTHER DISCUSSION BY THESE PROVINCES AND BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN AN ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE FINAL DRAFT.

IT IS VITAL TO THE INTERESTS OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND OF CANADA GENERALLY, THAT WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALLY ARRIVED AT BE SUCH AS TO ENSURE THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RETAINS THE NECESSARY FISCAL AND LEGISLATIVE POWER TO DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO ALL CANADIANS AND TO ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, PARTICULARLY THOSE CANADIANS WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND THOSE PROVINCES WHICH FROM TIME TO TIME REQUIRE HELP IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS TO THEIR PEOPLE. THOSE ARRANGEMENTS MUST ALSO BE SUCH AS TO PRESERVE IN CANADA THE SENSE OF SHARING, BELONGING AND ACCESS TO CANADIAN RESOURCES WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONCEPT OF NATIONHOOD.