



Management Response and Action Plan

A - For inclusion in the report

The findings and recommendation of the Canadian Institute for Advance Research Report were presented to program management. Management has agreed with the findings included in this report and will take action to address all applicable recommendations by October 2017.

B - For follow-up purposes - Detailed actions to address the recommendations in the report

Recommendation	Planned Action on the Recommendation	Responsible Official (position)	Target completion date
Recommendation 1 In order to draw more meaningful conclusions about the economy and efficiency of CIFAR's operations, SIS should work with CIFAR to update its Performance Measurement Strategy to include additional efficiency indicators. Consideration could be given to identifying efficiency-related comparables (i.e. benchmarking) and targets to further assess CIFAR's operations.	Agreed. SIS will work with CIFAR, ISED's Audit and Evaluation Branch (AEB) and Corporate Management Sector (CMS) to establish economy and efficiency measures as part of the work to update CIFAR's Performance Measurement Strategy to take into account renewed and enhanced funding as announced in Budget 2017. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• qualitative indicators that provide evidence of continuing efforts to strive for optimal efficiency at CIFAR; and• searching for appropriate benchmarks for expenditures on administration and overhead. Data sources and methods for collecting the information will also be established.	Director General, Program Coordination Branch	October 2017