Appendix 1: The Senate’s list of recommendations for quality end-of-life care

1. That the federal government, in collaboration with the provinces, develop a national strategy for end-of-life care.
2. That the federal government, in collaboration with the provinces, establish a five-year plan for implementing this national strategy.
3. That the federal government prepare an annual progress report on implementing this national strategy.
4. That the federal government immediately assess the need for home care and pharmacare for the dying and establish, in collaboration with the provinces, the funding required for these programs.
5. That the federal government immediately implement income security and job protection for family members who care for the dying.
6. That the federal government, working in collaboration with the provinces and the educational community, explore ways to increase multidisciplinary training and education of professionals involved in end-of-life care.
7. That the federal Minister of Health work with other relevant federal ministers to develop an interdepartmental strategy on end-of-life care.
8. That the federal Minister of Health discuss the establishment of a federal, provincial, and territorial strategy on end-of-life care with provincial and territorial counterparts at the next meeting of the Ministers of Health.
9. That the federal Minister of Health discuss with provincial and territorial counterparts appropriate measures for funding of end-of-life initiatives.
10. That the Canadian Institutes of Health Research be encouraged to establish an institute that focuses on end-of-life issues facing Canadians of all ages with all medical conditions.
11. That the Canadian Institute for Health Information be encouraged to develop indicators for quality end-of-life care.
12. That the federal Minister of Health coordinate and implement a multidimensional agenda for end-of-life research that involves relevant departments, agencies, and other levels of government.
13. That the federal government, in collaboration with the provinces, develop a five-year plan for implementing the 1995 unanimous recommendations.
14. That the federal government prepare an annual progress report on the implementation of the unanimous recommendations.

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