



## **Resolution No. 10 – 06**

### **Firearms Registry**

- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes that components of the firearms registry add to the safety and security of Canadians, as well as to the safety of police officers; and,
- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes the simple ownership of an unregistered sporting weapon should not be a criminal offence; and,
- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes the firearms registry only partially addresses the broader issues of gun crime and violence in Canada; and,
- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes the importance of maintaining the requirement of criminal sanctions for the illegal possession of restricted and prohibited weapons; and,
- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes and supports the need to keep a data base to enable police officers to continue to do their work in the search and seizure of firearms; and,
- WHEREAS** the AACP recognizes the efforts to streamline the registration of firearms and the added value this provides to policing and criminal investigations.

#### **NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**

The AACP calls upon the Government of Canada to develop a comprehensive gun strategy, which

- Recognizes the use of a firearm in any offence is serious and requires significant sentencing, which reflects the seriousness of the offence and is also sufficient to deter future offences; and,
- Decriminalizes the failure to register sporting weapons, including rifles and shotguns, and remove such provisions from the Criminal Code, in favour of new regulatory and non- criminal penalties, i.e., penalty ticket and fine; and,
- Requires the registration of all firearms to begin at point of entry into Canada; and,
- Streamlines and rationalizes the search and seizure powers of police officers in relation to firearms related offences and use of firearms for the purpose of criminal activity; and,
- Will continue the efforts required in order to simplify and streamline the process of gun registration in Canada.