

CONTRIBUTING TO A SAFER AND MORE SECURE WORLD

various allied headquarters. In addition, we will continue to encourage Alliance members and other countries to conduct training in Canada, including in Goose Bay and as part of the NATO Flying Training in Canada program.

The European Union

Over the past 10 years, the European Union (EU) has made great strides in developing its own security and defence identity. Canada believes that the European Union can play an important role in enhancing international peace and security. The EU has already shown its willingness to assume new responsibilities by taking over the stabilization operations in Bosnia from NATO. Canada has contributed military personnel to this important mission.

We strongly support the further development of the European Security and Defence Policy as a means of building defence capabilities that complement—not duplicate—those of NATO. We will continue to work with the European Union to ensure Canada can further participate in its missions where NATO is not involved.

THE CANADIAN FORCES AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY: A NEW APPROACH

The Government is committed to enhancing Canada's ability to contribute to international peace and security and, in particular, restore stability in failed and failing states. Achieving this objective in today's complex security environment will require, more than ever, a "whole of government" approach to international missions, bringing together military and civilian resources in a focused and coherent fashion.

As part of this strategy, and building on recent experience gained in Afghanistan and elsewhere, the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces will work more closely with other government departments and agencies, including Foreign Affairs



Geilenkirchen, Germany—A member of the Logistics Wing of the Canadian contingent and an E-3A AWACS aircraft.

and the Canadian International Development Agency, to further develop the integrated "3D" approach (defence, diplomacy and development) to complex conflict and post-conflict situations. This will include consulting and sharing information as required with the Stability and Reconstruction Task Force being established in Foreign Affairs.

Roles of the Canadian Forces

Failed states and the challenge of restoring stability

The Canadian Forces will continue to participate across the spectrum of international operations, with a focus on the complex and dangerous task of restoring order to failed and failing states. The ability of our military to carry out three-block war operations will be critical to the success of Canada's efforts to address the problems of these states. Our experience in the past has shown that democracy and economic development cannot take hold in these societies without the security and stability that only military forces can provide.

As the concept of the three-block war suggests, these operations have become more challenging. Our soldiers, sailors and air personnel must increasingly operate in environments where the lines between war and peace have blurred. These situations are volatile, and a humanitarian mission can swiftly turn into a combat

