

of national priorities than it is at present. The New Model could probably be put into place effectively if National Defence could be assured of current funds plus enough to offset inflation (and given some reasonable idea about multi-year funding). But it could not be pursued realistically if all the funds freed by reductions in defence personnel costs were simply lopped off the defence budget. All that that would produce would be a hotchpotch of capabilities that would be even more limited than they are today, and a defence structure that was mainly tail and little front end.

### *The Main Objective*

The principal goal of the New Model would be to develop, over the next few years, a balanced and well-rounded defence force that is fitted to Canada's true needs. It would aim to satisfy the key needs of the country's armed forces for orderly planning and development, while also providing a defence structure that properly serves the nation's interests both at home and abroad.