

- (a) The Commander in Chief, NORAD (CINCNORAD), and the Deputy in CINCNORAD's absence, will be responsible to the Chief of Defence Staff of Canada and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, who in turn, are responsible to their respective Governments. CINCNORAD will function in support of the concepts of surveillance, warning, control, and defence approved by the authorities of our two Governments for the defence of the Canada-United States region of the NATO area.
- (b) NORAD will include such combat units and individuals as are specifically allocated to it by the two Governments. The jurisdiction of CINCNORAD over those units and individuals is limited to operational control as hereinafter defined.
- (c) "Operational control" is the power to direct, coordinate, and control the operational activities of forces assigned, attached, or otherwise made available. No permanent changes of station would be made without approval of the higher national authority concerned. Temporary reinforcement from one area to another, including the crossing of the international boundary, to meet operational requirements will be within the authority of commanders having operational control. The basic command organization for the defence forces of the two countries, including administration, discipline, internal organization, and unit training, shall be exercised by national commanders responsible to their national authorities.
- (d) The appointment of CINCNORAD and the Deputy must be approved by the Canadian and United States Governments. They will not be from the same country, and the CINCNORAD staff shall be an integrated staff composed of officers of both countries. During the absence of CINCNORAD, command will pass to the Deputy Commander.
- (e) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization will continue to be kept informed through the Canada-United States Regional Planning Group of arrangements for the aerospace defence of North America.
- (f) The plans and procedures to be followed by NORAD in wartime shall be formulated and approved by appropriate national authorities and shall be capable of rapid implementation in an emergency. Any plans or procedures recommended by NORAD that bear on the responsibilities of civilian departments or agencies of the two Governments shall be referred for decision by the appropriate military authorities to those agencies and departments and may be the subject of intergovernmental coordination through an appropriate medium such as the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, Canada-United States.
- (g) Terms of reference of CINCNORAD and the Deputy will be consistent with the foregoing principles. Changes in these terms of reference may be made by agreement between the Canadian Chief of Defence Staff and the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, with approval of higher authority, as appropriate, provided that these changes are in consonance with the principles set out in this Note.