

- (e) may establish joint working groups to carry out specific tasks;
- (f) shall facilitate the exchange of information relative to prevention, mitigation and assistance regarding comprehensive civil emergency planning outside of the common border areas, as appropriate;
- (g) may invite other federal, regional, provincial, state or local authorities and representatives of the private sector to meetings of the working groups, as appropriate, with the prior consent of both Parties; and
- (h) as far as possible, will alternate conference sites between the United States and Canada.

### 3. AMENDMENT

The Executive Director of Emergency Planning Canada, on behalf of Canada, and the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on behalf of the United States, are empowered to amend this Annex (and any additional Annexes) subject to the requirement that all such amendments shall be consistent with the Agreement, confirmed in an exchange of written correspondence, and forwarded to the Department of External Affairs and the Department of State for formal approval by exchange of notes.