
acceptance of the appropriate roles of the UN and of regional bodies such as NATO in relation to peacekeeping missions.

We will also be working to expand the capacity of other regional organizations, such as the OAU, and possibly sub-regional bodies, to relieve some of the pressure on the UN. We will seek to build on the comparative advantages of these organizations at a time when the UN is seriously over-stretched.

Regional security: Canada is fully engaged.

- **Western Hemisphere**

- **United States:** Our defence relationship with the US is key for the security of Canadians. Canada's longstanding cooperation with the US through the Permanent Joint Board on Defence and NORAD has enabled us to share the security burden for North America at a significantly lower cost and with more effectiveness than Canada could achieve on its own. We look forward to working with the US towards the renewal of the NORAD Agreement, which expires in 1996.

- **Arctic:** The focus in the Canadian Arctic is increasingly on non-traditional security threats. Canada's recent appointment of an Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs will increase the focus on such threats. Our goal is to create an Arctic Council to meet the challenge of sustainable development in the North and to deal with the critical issues faced by all Arctic countries.

- **Latin America and the Caribbean:** Canada's growing interests in Latin America and the Caribbean argue for greater priority to the region's stability within Canadian security policy. We are encouraged by the spread of democracy, the increased emphasis on balanced economic development, and the ongoing trend to reform the OAS. Canada intends to make a significant contribution to regional approaches to security in our hemisphere. Our focus will be on promoting the development of frameworks, from fact-finding to negotiation, to enable countries to deal bilaterally and regionally with potential security problems. We will work to strengthen the capacity of the OAS to address security issues.

- **Europe**

- **Continuing engagement:** European stability continues to be a major priority. Although threats to it are in flux, too much binds the peoples on the two sides of the Atlantic for our commitment to waver. We share most closely a set of values. Our economic,