

and the United States. For the purpose of achieving effective civil emergency planning between the United States and Canada, each government will, insofar as consistent with national plans and policies, also encourage and facilitate cooperative emergency arrangements between adjacent jurisdictions on matters falling within the competence of such jurisdictions.

ARTICLE III

Existing Agreements and Commitments

The Consultative Group shall ensure that all plans for comprehensive civil emergency management relating to this Agreement are consistent with the commitments of the Parties under the North Atlantic Treaty and other applicable agreements. In particular, the Consultative Group shall ensure that all civil emergency plans and arrangements relating to situations of declared or undeclared hostilities will:

- (a) provide necessary, appropriate and timely civil support for the defence of North America;
- (b) enable Canada and the United States to meet their obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty and other applicable agreements and arrangements including those for the joint defence of North America; and
- (c) mitigate the effects of any armed attack on the civilian populations in Canada or the United States.

ARTICLE IV

Comprehensive Nature

This Agreement is intended as a comprehensive agreement on civil emergency planning and management. To this end, from time to time and as necessary, the Consultative Group shall:

- (a) review existing Canada-United States arrangements related to civil emergency planning and management to ensure consistency with the principles embodied in this Agreement;
- (b) as appropriate, compile copies of such arrangements and ensure that appropriate officials of the Parties as well as officials of regional, local and other authorities are provided as necessary with up-to-date copies of relevant materials;
- (c) as appropriate, consult with state, provincial, regional, local and other authorities to promote consistency of all civil emergency planning and management agreements and arrangements of a regional or local nature with the principles of this Agreement, and, to the extent possible, to compile and provide such regional, state, provincial, and local arrangements to appropriate authorities, as provided in subparagraph (b) above.