

PREFACE

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During October 1990, the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade established a Sub-committee to enquire into the issue of renewal of the North American Aerospace Defence Agreement (NORAD). This Sub-committee met on 25 October and launched a three-stage process of enquiry, involving: engaging a special Panel of experts to report to it on the issue; public hearings with other witnesses; and the eventual preparation of recommendations from the Sub-committee to the main committee.

The present paper is the report to the Sub-committee by the special Panel of experts. It was discussed at a meeting of the Sub-committee with the Panel on 29 November 1990, and finalized shortly afterwards taking into account the comments of the Members.

The report consists of seven papers written by four authors, as indicated in the table of Contents. Chapters 2 to 6 are individual contributions that are not necessarily supported in their entirety by all the Panel members, even though they have carefully reviewed and discussed them together. The final section, containing the Conclusion, Options and Findings, is supported by the Panel as a whole.