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AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON GERMAN ARMED FORCES TRAINING IN CANADA

The Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, and the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais, announced the signing today of the Memoranda of Understanding pertaining to an Agreement between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany authorizing the training over a period of ten years, from January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1993, of German mechanized Army units at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Shilo, Manitoba and German Air Force units at Goose Bay, Labrador. The Memoranda of Understanding, which specify how the Agreement will be implemented, were signed in Brussels by Mr. Blais and his colleague, the German Minister of Defence, Dr. Manfred Woerner, during the ministerial meeting of the Defence Planning Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). An Exchange of Notes constituting the Agreement will be signed later this month in Ottawa by Mr. MacEachen and the Ambassador to Canada of the Federal Republic of Germany, His Excellency Wolfgang Behrends.

The German Army has been training at CFB Shilo since 1974 under the terms of a ten-year Agreement due to expire on December 31, 1983. The German Air Force has conducted low-level flight training in the vicinity of Goose Bay since 1980 under a short-term Agreement which is also due to expire at the end of the month. The new Agreement will provide for the continuation of that training for a further ten years, although training at Goose Bay will run for an initial period of three years, subject to extension up to an

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