

Canadian Embassy



Ambassade du Canada

Note No. 0184

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between officials of the Government of Canada and the Government of the Italian Republic concerning our mutual objective of providing for military exercises of the Italian Armed Forces in Canada. As a result of these discussions, I have the honour to propose an agreement between our two Governments in the following terms:

1. The Government of the Italian Republic shall be permitted to exercise Italian Armed Forces units, use land, air space and installations, and station personnel and equipment at sites in Canada as may be mutually selected by the Minister of National Defence of Canada and the Minister of Defence of the Italian Republic in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and the Memoranda of Understanding subsumed under this Agreement. The periods of such exercising, use, stationing and the activities to be carried out, shall be specified in the relevant Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The status of Italian Armed Forces units exercising in Canada shall be governed by the terms of the Agreement Between The Parties To The North Atlantic Treaty Regarding The Status Of Their Forces (NATO SOFA), dated June 19, 1951 as supplemented by paragraph 9 of this Agreement, and implemented in Canada by the Visiting Forces Act.
3. The Canadian Forces shall have command and control over the facilities used by the Italian Armed Forces and military activities shall be conducted in accordance with Canadian laws, regulations and orders and Canada's obligations under international law. All applicable Canadian safety regulations and standing operating procedures shall be followed. Subject to the foregoing, Italian military activities shall be governed by the relevant regulations of the Italian Armed Forces.
4. The Italian Armed Forces shall respect Canadian laws, regulations and orders applicable to the Canadian Forces with respect to the protection of the environment.
5. The Canadian Forces shall act as the agent for the Italian Armed Forces for the provision of all goods, services and facilities through Canadian sources for the