

Both Governments affirm the merits of broadening bi-national defence arrangements in order to:

- (1) prevent or mitigate threats or attacks by terrorists or others on Canada or the United States; and
- (2) ensure a cooperative and well-coordinated response to national requests for military assistance in relation to terrorist, or other, threats or attacks, natural disasters, or other major emergencies in Canada or the United States.

Our two Governments shall establish a bi-national planning group ("Planning Group") in NORAD headquarters in Colorado Springs to enhance bi-national military planning, surveillance, and support to civil authorities by:

- (a) preparing contingency plans to respond to threats and attacks, and other major emergencies in Canada or the United States;
- (b) acting to prevent and mitigate threats or attacks through:
 - maintaining awareness of emerging situations through maritime surveillance activities;
 - sharing maritime intelligence and operational information in accordance with national laws, policies and directives;
 - assessing maritime threats, incidents, and emergencies in order to advise and/or warn Governments;
- (c) designing and participating in exercises;
- (d) conducting joint training programs;
- (e) validating plans prior to approval; and
- (f) establishing appropriate coordination mechanisms with relevant federal agencies.