

- g. The plans and procedures to be followed by NORAD in wartime shall be formulated and approved by appropriate national authorities and shall be capable of rapid implementation in an emergency. Any plans or procedures recommended by NORAD that bear on the responsibilities of civilian departments or agencies of the two Governments shall be referred for decision by the appropriate military authorities to those agencies and departments;
- h. The Agreement between parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces signed in London on June 19, 1951, shall apply;
- i. Both parties agree on the importance of following sound environmental practices. Without prejudice to their rights and obligations, the parties agree to review environmental issues, related to NORAD operations, in the Permanent Joint Board on Defense;
- j. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization shall continue to be kept informed through the Canada-United States regional Planning Group of arrangements for the aerospace defense of North America;
- k. Terms of reference of CINCNORAD and the Deputy shall be consistent with the foregoing missions and principles set out for NORAD. Changes in these terms of reference, including the addition of other aspects of the missions heretofore identified, may be made by agreement between the Chief of the Defense Staff of Canada and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, with approval of higher authority, as appropriate, provided that these changes are in consonance with the principles set out in this Note.

If the Government of the United States of America concurs in the considerations and provisions set forth herein, I have the honor to propose that this Note, which is equally authentic, in English and French, and your reply to that effect, shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which will enter into force on the date of your reply, with effect from 12 May 1996. This Agreement will, from the date on which it takes