

(b) The Consultative Group:

- (i) should consider means of emergency management cooperation;
- (ii) should recommend to the Government of Canada, and to the Government of the United States, actions to be taken regarding the development of studies, the exchange of information, and the development and coordination of plans and recommendations, including, as appropriate, suggestions for amendments to the Agreement or any Annex, or the formulation of additional Annexes;
- (iii) should encourage, support, and facilitate, where appropriate, emergency management cooperation and mutual assistance among provinces, states and local authorities;
- (iv) should foster mutual assistance between Canada and the United States by facilitating, as appropriate, the prompt entry into and exit from their respective territories of personnel, equipment, resources, and services involved in cooperative programs covered under the Agreement, subject to the applicable laws of each country;
- (v) may establish joint functional and/or regional working groups to carry out specific tasks;
- (vi) should seek to work cooperatively with, and facilitate information exchange among, regional working groups, committees or other bodies involved in emergency management.
- (vii) should facilitate the authorized exchange of information relative to preparedness, prevention, protection, response, recovery, mitigation, and assistance regarding emergency management;
- (viii) may, by mutual consent, invite other federal, provincial, state or local authorities, as well as representatives of the private sector, voluntary sector and non-governmental organizations, to meetings of the Consultative Group and/or the established working groups, as appropriate;