

In light of these developments, our two Governments retain a common interest in the maintenance of effective surveillance and control of North American airspace and in preventing its use for purposes detrimental to the security of North America. Since peacetime surveillance and control are expected to continue as functions important to the sovereign control of national airspace, each Government will maintain a system to carry out these activities in conjunction with the air defence and aerospace surveillance and warning operations of NORAD.

The large volume of air traffic flowing daily to, from, and within North American airspace, much of it across the border between our two countries, dictates that our national airspace surveillance and control systems be compatible with each other and requires a high degree of coordination between their military components. Our Governments agree that the necessary command, control and information exchange arrangements can most effectively and economically be provided by the continued operation of NORAD.

In addition to performing the airspace surveillance and control functions related to air defence, NORAD will monitor and report on space activities of strategic and tactical interest and will provide warning of aerospace events that may threaten North America. In view of the increasing importance of space to the defence of North America, our Governments will seek ways to enhance cooperation in accordance with mutually agreed arrangements in the surveillance of space and in the exchange of information on space events relevant to North American defence.

The primary objectives of NORAD will continue to be:

- (a) to assist each nation to safeguard the sovereignty of its airspace;
- (b) to contribute to the deterrence of attack on North America by providing capabilities for aerospace surveillance, warning and characterization of aerospace attack, and defence against air attack; and
- (c) should deterrence fail, to ensure an appropriate response against attack by providing for the effective use of the forces of the two countries available for air defence.

As in the case of all joint defence activities, the future activities envisaged for NORAD will require the closest cooperation between authorities of our two Governments. It is recognized that this can be achieved in a mutually satisfactory way only if full and meaningful consultation is carried out on a continuing basis. Our two Governments, therefore, undertake to insure that such consultation takes place.

On the basis of our common appreciation of the circumstances described and of the experience gained since the inception of NORAD, my Government proposes that the following principles should govern the future organization and operations of the North American Aerospace Defence Command.