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collaboration on any of them. Neither country will take any action inconsistent with the Charter of the United Nations. The Charter remains the

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING DEFENCE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, MADE IN OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 12, 1947

*Statement made by the Prime Minister of Canada
in the House of Commons**

I wish to make a statement which is also being made today by the Government of the United States regarding the results of discussions which have taken place in the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on the extent to which the war-time cooperation between the armed forces of the two countries should be maintained in this postwar period.** In the interest of efficiency and economy, each Government has decided that its national defence establishment shall, to the extent authorized by law, continue to collaborate for peacetime joint security purposes. The collaboration will necessarily be limited and will be based on the following principles:

- (1) Interchange of selected individuals so as to increase the familiarity of each country's defence establishment with that of the other country.
- (2) General cooperation and exchange of observers in connection with exercises and with the development and tests of material of common interest.
- (3) Encouragement of common designs and standards in arms, equipment, organization, methods of training and new developments. As certain United Kingdom standards have long been in use in Canada, no radical change is contemplated or practicable and the application of this principle will be gradual.
- (4) Mutual and reciprocal availability of military, naval and air facilities in each country; this principle to be applied as may be agreed in specific instances. Reciprocally each country will continue to provide, with a minimum of formality, for the transit through its territory and its territorial waters of military aircraft and public vessels of the other country.
- (5) As an underlying principle all cooperative arrangements will be without impairment of the control of either country over all activities in its territory.

While in this, as in many other matters of mutual concern, there is an identity of view and interest between the two countries, the decision of each has been taken independently in continuation of the practice developed since the establishment of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence in 1940. No treaty, executive agreement or contractual obligation has been entered into. Each country will determine the extent of its practical collaboration in respect of each and all of the foregoing principles. Either country may at any time discontinue

* The United States statement was made in Washington by the Department of State in the form of a Press release and was identical with that of the Canadian statement except for the minor differences indicated herein.

** The first sentence of the United States text reads as follows: "Announcement was made in Ottawa and Washington today of the results of discussions which have taken place in the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, etc."