

# A NEW VISION FOR THE CANADIAN FORCES

Contingency Task Force, and Mission-Specific Task Forces;

- improve the communications, mobility, firepower and support capabilities of the light forces so they can better integrate with the Special Operations Group and more effectively contribute to the Standing Contingency Task Force and Mission-Specific Task Forces;
- increase the Reserves by 3,000 people. This will include:
  - completing Phase II of the Land Force Reserve Restructure Program (including the Medical and Communications Reserves), raising the authorized end-state to 18,500 personnel. This will improve the Canadian Forces' ability to respond to domestic contingencies and address specific capabilities required for overseas deployments;
- complete the acquisition and development of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, and integrate these into other Canadian Forces and allied sensor systems; and
- continue to transform into a modern, combat-capable medium-weight force, based primarily on wheeled Light Armoured Vehicles, including the Mobile Gun System and the Multi-Mission Effects Vehicle (to replace the direct-fire role of the Leopard tank), a new platform to deliver indirect fire, and a new fleet of medium transport trucks.

With respect to *disaster relief*, the Canadian Forces will:

- enhance the capabilities of the Disaster Assistance Response Team. Building on lessons learned over the past several years (including the most recent deployment to Sri Lanka), the Forces will examine ways to make the team more deployable, including by making it lighter and more modular, that is, capable of being deployed in different combinations of its component parts.



Mobile Gun System. Photo: General Dynamics Land Systems - Canada

