

MISSILE DEFENCE RESEARCH AND BMDO

Q. Is Canada participating in missile defence research?

Suggested Reply

- The 1994 Defence White Paper and the current NORAD agreement support cooperation in research and consultation on missile warning systems and ballistic missile defence provided it is compliant with the ABM Treaty and other agreements; cost effective and affordable; supportive of Canadian defence needs; and built upon missions already performed by the Canadian Forces.
- Canada is conducting modest research into missile defence in cooperation with the US and in the NATO context.
- We do not consider that our current cooperation conflicts with our support for the ABM Treaty.

Q. Is the Canadian officer at the Ballistic Missile Defence Organization (BMDO) involved in ballistic missile defence activity?

Suggested Reply

- We are in the process of posting a Canadian liaison officer to the US Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. This, in no way, implies that Canada has taken a position with respect to US plans for missile defence.
- This liaison officer is not involved in ballistic missile defence activity or research.
- He is being posted to help Canada stay abreast of key developments in the US program, as a basis for future decisions of the Canadian government.