

near Dawson Creek toward the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range straddling the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, where the flight will terminate.

The missile flight path, over parts of the Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, will follow a route over largely uninhabited territory. Population centres will be avoided. Accompanying aircraft will take control should the missile stray from the established test corridor. Provincial and territorial authorities have been kept fully informed, and their safety concerns taken into account.

In concluding that the test project should proceed, Ministers gave particular attention to collective security requirements and current prospects for arms control. Ministers reviewed the full range of negotiations on strategic, intermediate and conventional arms, considered Canada's national interests and commitments, and assessed the possible deployment of Western weapons as a factor in promoting the resolution of outstanding arms control problems.

Two principles were agreed to be essential:

- (a) Canada's national security -- the security of our democratic values and our open society -- is indivisible from the security of others. We must now, as in the past, be in a position to exert our own distinctive influence on Western councils and commitments; and
- (b) Canada will never abandon the pursuit of global security at greatly reduced levels of armament. We reaffirm the commitment made with our partners at the Williamsburg Summit to "devote our full political resources to reducing the threat of war." Canada remains determined to make its own contribution to arms control and disarmament negotiations.

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