

On the basis of our common appreciation of the circumstances described and the experience gained through our bilateral defence relations to date, and reaffirming that each Government continues to exercise control of its respective sovereign territory and to command its national forces, my Government proposes that the following rules shall govern the future organization and operations of the Planning Group:

- (a) The Planning Group's focus shall include maritime- and land-based threats and cooperation and support to civil authorities in Canada or the United States;
- (b) The head of the Planning Group shall be the Deputy Commander of NORAD, with an assigned deputy from the other country. The head of the Planning Group will report to the Canadian and U.S. Governments through offices or officials to be designated by their respective Governments. The head of the Planning Group will operate under the authority of the Commander of NORAD.
- (c) The Planning Group will develop, based on the agreed guidance provided by our two Governments, detailed contingency plans and consultation and decision-making arrangements, describing the processes to be followed in the event that attacks, threats, incidents, or emergency