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### Factual Summary

This programme is intended to provide what is considered necessary at this time for the defence of Canada against attack and to carry out to the full Canada's undertakings under the Charter of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty.

The object of Canadian foreign policy is to preserve peace and to build up broad foundations of security which are essential to the prosperity, the welfare and the happiness of our own and other people.

A continent of seven million square miles cannot be made impregnable to air attack; to meet this possibility