

On the basis of our common appreciation of the circumstances described and of the experience gained since the inception of NORAD, my Government proposes that the following principles should govern the future organization and operations of the North American Air Defence Command:

1. The Commander-in-Chief, NORAD (CINCNORAD), and his Deputy in CINCNORAD's absence, will be responsible to the Chief of Defence Staff of Canada and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, who in turn, are responsible to their respective Governments. They will operate within a concept of surveillance, warning, control and defence approved by the appropriate authorities of our two Governments, who will bear in mind their objectives in the defence of the Canada-United States Region of the NATO area.
2. The North American Air Defence Command will include such combat units and individuals as are specifically allocated to it by the two Governments. The jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief, NORAD, over those units and individuals is limited to operational control as hereinafter defined.
3. "Operational Control" is the power to direct, co-ordinate, and control the operational activities of forces assigned, attached, or otherwise made available. No permanent changes of station would be made without approval of the higher national authority concerned. Temporary reinforcement from one area to another, including the crossing of the international boundary, to meet operational requirements will be within the authority of commanders having operational control. The basic command organization for the defence forces of the two countries, including administration, discipline, internal organization and unit training, shall be exercised by national commanders responsible to their national authorities.
4. The appointment of CINCNORAD and his Deputy must be approved by the Canadian and United States Governments. They will not be from the same country, and the CINCNORAD staff shall be an integrated joint staff composed of officers of both countries. During the absence of CINCNORAD, command will pass to the Deputy Commander.