

or population, this contribution is very substantially in excess of a proportional share and therefore should be taken into account in assessing Canada's share of contribution to any North Atlantic joint support scheme.

We believe that an overall examination of the whole North Atlantic Region would indicate that in equity we should be entirely relieved of contribution to any North Atlantic joint support scheme including those now in operation or contemplated by the present Conferences.

However, we are not at this time taking this position and Canada is continuing to contribute to the Iceland schemes and is willing to continue to provide one ship for Ocean Stations.

In the case of Denmark, we cannot see our way clear to making a contribution. We are operating two LORAN Stations in addition to contributing to the VIC LORAN. Moreover, the meteorological services which we are maintaining in North Eastern Canada including Newfoundland and Labrador are comparable to those to be maintained in Greenland and our contribution in terms of airports and facilities and services in these areas has no parallel in the Greenland scheme.

The Canadian Government believes that ICAO should proceed as soon as practicable with an overall examination of the air navigation facilities and services in the North Atlantic Region. In this way the existing contribution of each State could be determined with sufficient accuracy to ensure equitable treatment for all States participating in joint support programmes in the Region.

B. STATEMENT MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK

1. Regarding the Meteorological Station at Daneborg

The Danish Delegation considered that the 3-hourly observation programme now in operation at Daneborg, as recommended by the First North Atlantic Regional Air Navigation Meeting, could not be adequately substituted by 3, 4 or 6-hourly observations from another station. They further stated that the operation of the station of Daneborg would be continued until further notice, even if joint support is not provided.

2. Regarding the Proposed Reductions in the Staffing of the Greenland Meteorological stations

The Danish Delegation recognized the desire for economy which forms the background for the recommended cuts in the staffing of the Greenland Meteorological stations.

It is the view of Denmark, however, that the reductions are too drastic and furthermore cannot be fully implemented without violating the Danish trade union regulations. Also, the reliability of the services provided by these stations may in some cases be imperiled.