Canada-US Consultations on Strategic and Missile Defence Initiatives

KEY MESSAGES: MEETING RESULTS

- Pursuant to President Bush's May 1 speech, we welcome the opportunity to sit down with our US colleagues to discuss the strategic framework and, in that context, missile defence.
- This is the start of a process.
- No decisions have been made, nor will they be for some time.
- There is no concrete proposal on the table and we will not respond definitively until there is one and we have had time to consider its implications fully.
- The meeting was an opportunity to hear current US thinking on their ongoing deterrence review process.
- It was also an opportunity to ask some direct questions and to make Canadian views and concerns known. It was a good beginning. Lots of work clearly remains to be done.