

Government has decided to establish a joint civil-military system to carry out these activities in conjunction with the air defence operations of NORAD.

The large volume of air traffic flowing daily to, from and within North America, much of it across the border between our two countries, dictates that our national air-space surveillance and control systems be compatible with each other and requires a high degree of coordination between their military components. Our Governments agree that the necessary command and control arrangements can most effectively and economically be provided by the continued operation of the North American Air Defence Command.

In addition to performing the airspace surveillance and control functions related to air defence, NORAD will continue to monitor space activities of strategic and tactical interest and provide warning of aerospace activities that may threaten North America. Canadian participation in the activities of NORAD's aerospace warning systems does not involve any commitment by the Canadian Government to take part in an active ballistic missile defence arrangement.

In these circumstances, the primary objectives of NORAD will in future be:

- (a) to assist each country to safeguard the sovereignty of its airspace;
- (b) to contribute to the deterrence of attack on North America by providing capabilities for warning of attack and for defence against air attack;
- (c) should deterrence fail, to ensure an appropriate response against attack by providing for the effective use of the forces of the two countries available for air defence.

As in the case of all joint defence activities, the future activities envisaged for NORAD will require the closest cooperation between authorities of our two Governments and it is recognized that this can only be achieved in a mutually satisfactory way if full and meaningful consultation is carried out on a continuing basis. Our two Governments, therefore, undertake to ensure that such consultation takes place.