

## CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE MANNED SPACE STATION

### I. NATURE OF THE MANNED SPACE STATION

- . A modular facility, designed for growth and a wide variety of Western space activity well into the next century.

### II. THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION FOR FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

- . In directing NASA to build the Manned Space Station, the President invited other nations to join the United States in this program. Japan and other countries represented by the European Space Agency have indicated interest.

### III. CANADA DECIDES TO PARTICIPATE

- . Canada has a long history of space activity in cooperation with the United States, notably the "CANADARM" for the Space Shuttle.
- . The Prime Minister today announced that Canada will make a major contribution to the Space Station. The President welcomed this participation.
- . Details of the first phase of the cooperative effort will be spelled out in a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the responsible U.S. and Canadian agencies.