

2. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement shall be subject to the availability of funds. Each Party shall bear the costs of its own participation, unless other arrangements are made with the mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE 3

Existing Agreements and Commitments

The Parties shall ensure that all plans for comprehensive emergency management cooperation relating to this Agreement are consistent with the obligations of the Parties under the North Atlantic Treaty and other applicable agreements. In particular, the Parties shall ensure that all emergency management plans and arrangements relating to situations of declared or undeclared hostilities:

- (a) provide necessary, appropriate and timely emergency management support for the defense of North America;
- (b) enable the Parties to meet their obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty and other applicable agreements and arrangements including those for the joint defense of North America; and
- (c) mitigate the effects of any armed attack on the civilian populations of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

Comprehensive Nature

This Agreement is intended as a comprehensive agreement on emergency management. To this end, from time to time and as necessary, the Parties, through the Consultative Group, shall:

- (a) review existing arrangements between the Parties related to emergency management to ensure consistency with the principles embodied in this Agreement;
- (b) as appropriate, inform competent officials of the Parties as well as officials of state, provincial, local and other authorities of such arrangements;