

**ROYAL NETHERLANDS EMBASSY**

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to discussions that have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments relating to Canadian use of Netherlands facilities as a staging base. I also have the honour to confirm the following agreements reached as a result of those discussions:

1. SCOPE

- 1.1. The procedures described herein shall apply with respect to the use by Canadian Arms Control Verification Inspection Teams of Royal Netherlands Army verification facilities currently at the General Spoor barracks of the Royal Netherlands Army at Ermelo, Netherlands.
- 1.2. The procedures described herein shall also apply to any subsequent facility made available in the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe to Canadian Arms Control Verification Inspection Teams.

2. GENERAL

- 2.1. With the closure of Canadian bases in the Federal Republic of Germany, there is now a requirement for all Canadian inspection operations to be mounted from Canada. The long distances involved have given rise to the requirements for a European staging facility to allow Canadian-led Inspection Teams to adapt to the European time zones and complete pre-inspection preparations before entering a designated inspected country under the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, Vienna Document 92 or any subsequent Arms Control Arrangements with similar inspection provisions.
- 2.2. Canadian-led Inspection Teams shall consist of Canadian inspectors, Canadian auxiliary personnel and Canadian-sponsored guest inspectors from states party to the relevant Arms Control Arrangements, hereinafter referred to as the "Canadian Team".