

Operational Capability (FOC), 1 October 1992. Prior to these dates, each country will provide maintenance and support for the system components it acquired);

- b. FOLs/DOBs — Canadian responsibility with United States paying incremental costs of United States deployments as per existing NORAD agreements.

20. *Advanced Technology.*

- a. Canada and the United States will establish effective means of cooperation in research into, and development and employment of advanced technologies for future North American surveillance, warning, communications, and defence systems consistent with the North American Aerospace Defence Agreement. The first step in this direction will be designation of this subject as a permanent agenda item of the PJBD and DD/DPSA Steering Committee meetings.
- b. Both countries will have continued opportunities to compete for participation in each other's developments.

**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

21. It is agreed that:

- a. the defence cooperation between our two Governments as set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding is based on the recognition of and full respect for the sovereignty of each;
- b. the obligations of our two Governments in connection with the modernization of the North American Air Defence System are subject to the availability of funds appropriated for that purpose;
- c. the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Regarding the Status of Their Forces (NATO SOFA) signed in London on June 19, 1951 shall apply;
- d. disputes other than claims falling within NATO SOFA will be settled by consultation between the parties and not by reference to any international tribunal;
- e. supplementary arrangements or administrative agreements consistent with this Memorandum of Understanding may be made from time-to-time between authorized representatives of our two Governments with the objective of furthering the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding;