

In consideration of the foregoing circumstances, the primary missions of NORAD in the future will be:

- a. aerospace warning for North America; and
- b. aerospace control for North America.

It is understood that "aerospace warning" currently consists of the monitoring of man-made objects in space and the detection, validation, and warning of attack against North America whether by aircraft, missiles, or space vehicles, utilizing mutual support arrangements with other commands. An integral part of aerospace warning will continue to entail monitoring of global aerospace activities and related developments. It is understood that "aerospace control" currently includes providing surveillance and control of the airspace of Canada and the United States. The expansion of binational cooperation in other aspects of the aforementioned missions should be examined and could evolve if both nations agree. Both Governments undertake to ensure that full and meaningful consultations on aerospace defense cooperation take place when requested by either party.

These consultations should have a particular view to maximizing operational effectiveness, minimizing costs, and protecting the environment through continued innovation in the conduct of NORAD operations, in addition to an emphasis on developing emerging capabilities in surveillance, communications, and data fusion for NORAD applications.

On the basis of our common appreciation of the circumstances described and of the experience gained since the inception of NORAD, my Government proposes that the following principles should govern the future organization and operations of the North American Aerospace Defense Command:

- a. The Commander in Chief, NORAD (CINCNORAD), and the Deputy CINCNORAD, in CINCNORAD's absence, shall be responsible to the Canadian and United States Government through the chief of the Defense Staff of Canada and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States. CINCNORAD shall function in support of the concepts of aerospace warning and aerospace control approved by the authorities of our two Governments for the defense of the Canada-United States region of the NATO area;