

PROTECTING CANADA AND CANADIANS

long-range maritime patrol aircraft,
unmanned aerial vehicles and satellites;

- enhance capabilities in the North by:
 - replacing the Twin Otter fleet with a more modern aircraft, and
 - considering the utility of basing search and rescue aircraft in the region;
- conduct search and rescue operations with the new Cormorant helicopter, as well as new fixed wing search and rescue aircraft;
- provide airlift anywhere in Canada for the deployment of the land and command elements of the Special Operations Group, the Standing Contingency Task Force, or one of the Mission-Specific Task Forces;
- provide a special operations aviation capability to the Special Operations Group for operations anywhere in Canada; and
- provide maritime and transport helicopters as the air contribution to the Standing Contingency Task Force or the Mission-Specific Task Forces.

The *Land Forces* (Regular and Reserve) will:

- build on the mix of military and non-military skills resident in the Reserves (e.g., chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response, information operations and civil-military cooperation), as well as their presence nationwide, to support civilian authorities in responding to domestic emergencies in Canada;
- support the Government's sovereignty and security objectives in the North by:
 - improving the ability of the Canadian Rangers to communicate with other components of the Canadian Forces and government agencies, and
 - increasing Regular Force sovereignty patrols in the region;
- provide forces to the Special Operations Group for domestic operations;



Pangnirtung, Nunavut—Canadian Rangers guide infantry soldiers on patrol.

- provide forces to the Standing Contingency Task Force to respond to domestic emergencies; and
- provide immediate-response units to Mission-Specific Task Forces to respond to domestic crises.

In the area of *disaster relief*, the Canadian Forces will:

- provide an enhanced Disaster Assistance Response Team, or its component parts, for humanitarian assistance missions at home.

