

## Canadian military participation in NATO

Accepting that its security is closely linked with that of the other Alliance members, Canada has been prepared to contribute armed forces to NATO's collective defence effort. These forces, particularly those stationed in Europe, constitute tangible evidence of Canada's continuing commitment to the Alliance as well as reinforce our participation in the Alliance's consultation process.

Canadian forces in Europe, numbering approximately 5,000 men, are stationed in the Black Forest region of Southern Germany at Lahr and Baden-Sölingen. They consist of a Mechanized Battle Group and an Air Group of three squadrons of CF 104 aircraft for use in conventional hostilities. Although relatively small, these forces have gained a deservedly high reputation in Europe for their professional proficiency. Canada has also agreed to make avail-

*Modern jet aircraft are part of Canada's air contribution to NATO forces in Europe.*

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