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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED BY CANADA WITH DENMARK, NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE TRAINING IN CANADA OF A NUMBER OF AIRCREW STUDENTS UNDER A SPECIAL EXTENSION OF THE NATO AIR TRAINING PLAN, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, EUROPE, IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED BY THESE COUNTRIES IN PROVIDING SUCH TRAINING UNDER A SUITABLE NATIONAL SCHEME.

2. UNDER THESE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE WILL BE MAKING AVAILABLE ANNUALLY TRAINING ACCOMMODATION FOR 55 STUDENT PILOTS OF THE ROYAL DANISH AIR FORCE, FOR 65 STUDENT PILOTS AND 5 STUDENT NAVIGATORS OF THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE AND FOR 30 STUDENT PILOTS OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE. THE TRAINING OF THE STUDENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE PHASED INTO THE CANADIAN AIR TRAINING SYSTEM, IN PROPORTIONATELY EQUAL CONTINGENTS THROUGHOUT EACH TRAINING YEAR.

3. THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED WILL BEAR A PORTION OF THE COSTS TO THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PROVIDING THESE SPECIAL FACILITIES UNDER THE CANADIAN AIR TRAINING SYSTEM. THE TRAINEES ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE TRAINING IN CANADA IN JULY OF THIS YEAR.