

that our national airspace surveillance and control systems be compatible with each other and requires a high degree of co-ordination between their military components. Our Governments agree that the necessary command and control arrangements can most effectively and economically be provided by the continued operation of the North American Air Defence Command.

In addition to performing the airspace surveillance and control functions related to air defence, NORAD will continue to monitor space activities of strategic and tactical interest and provide warning of aerospace activities that may threaten North America. Canadian participation in the activities of NORAD's aerospace warning systems does not involve any commitment by the Canadian Government to take part in an active ballistic missile defence arrangement.

In these circumstances, the primary objectives of NORAD will in future be:

- (a) to assist each country to safeguard the sovereignty of its airspace;
- (b) to contribute to the deterrence of attack on North America by providing capabilities for warning of attack and for defence against air attack;
- (c) should deterrence fail, to ensure an appropriate response against attack by providing for the effective use of the forces of the two countries available for air defence.

As in the case of all joint defence activities, the future activities envisaged for NORAD will require the closest co-operation between authorities of our two Governments and it is recognized that this can only be achieved in a mutually satisfactory way if full and meaningful consultation is carried out on a continuing basis. Our two Governments, therefore, undertake to ensure that such consultation takes place.

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 Air Defence Command:

1. The Commander-in-chief, NORAD (CINCNORAD), and his Deputy in CINCNORAD's absence, will be responsible to the Chief of Defence Staff of Canada and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the United States, who in turn, are responsible to their respective Governments. They will operate within a concept of surveillance, warning, control and defence approved by the appropriate authorities of our two Governments, who will bear in mind their objectives in the defence of the Canada-United States Region of the NATO area.
2. The North America Air Defence Command will include such combat units and individuals as are specifically allocated to it by the two Governments. The jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief, NORAD, over those units and individuals is limited to operational control as hereinafter defined.