

as part of its three-year review of the *Anti-Terrorism Act*. Therefore, the Government is of the view that a further review of intelligence services is not required at this time.

Also after September 11, the *ad hoc* Cabinet Committee on Public Security and Anti-Terrorism (PSAT) was established to provide a focal point for consideration by Ministers of issues related to Canada's security. The *ad hoc* Cabinet Committee on PSAT continues to serve Canada's security interests well as do other Cabinet committees which are, and will continue to be, called upon to address matters related to national security and anti-terrorism. Full Cabinet can convene at any time to make decisions on urgent and important issues.

Recommendation 11

The Government should make public all relevant agreements under which Canadian military planners will participate in the newly proposed planning and monitoring group to be co-located at NORAD headquarters. In order to allow for a full public debate over the group's usefulness and broader implications, the Government should also prepare and table a report on the work of this new group before the next renewal of the NORAD agreement.

On December 9, 2002, the Government announced an agreement to enhance Canada's security cooperation with the United States. Upon signature, the Government immediately made public the agreement and distributed it widely. The agreement established a bi-national Planning Group co-located with the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) that will help save lives and mitigate damage by: coordinating bi-national maritime surveillance and intelligence sharing; providing attack warning and threat assessments to both governments; developing contingency plans for bi-national military support to civilian authorities; and, conducting joint exercises. All plans prepared by the Planning Group will be approved by both governments.

The Planning Group has been established for an initial two-year period. The Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs will provide the Government with a recommendation concerning the Planning Group's activities at the end of that period. The Government will then determine, in consultation with the US government, whether to renew, modify or terminate Canada's involvement in the Planning Group. The Government will inform Parliament and the public of the activities of the Planning Group through Departmental Performance Reports as well as the Annual Reports of the Chief of the Defence Staff.

