

DEFENDING COMMON INTERESTS IN OUR NORTH AMERICAN HOMELAND AND ABROAD

Canada and the United States share a deep, enduring relationship that has helped assure the security of our common North American homeland and advanced our shared interests and values around the world.

CANADA  UNITED STATES
FRIENDS | PARTNERS | ALLIES

NATO

Canada is a founding member of NATO and has contributed to every NATO mission since its founding in 1949.

LATVIA

Today, Canada leads NATO's multinational battle group in Latvia - a military presence aimed at shoring up European security in the face of Russian aggression.

NORTH KOREA

We work with the United States and allies in Asia to enforce sanctions on North Korea and prevent illegal, sanctions-busting smuggling. We have deployed a maritime patrol aircraft to assist in this effort. We are also contributing \$3.25 million to strengthen implementation of the global sanctions regime and counter North Korea's sanctions evasion and proliferation networks.

NORAD

At home, we work together in NORAD - the North American Aerospace Defence Command - to assure the security of our shared airspace and to guard against maritime threats from offshore. NORAD - commanded and staffed by American and Canadian forces - marks its 60th anniversary this year.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Our ships cooperate in the Caribbean to interdict illegal drugs destined for North American markets.

MALI

Canada provides medevac and transport helicopter support to the United Nations mission in Mali.

IRAQ

As announced at the NATO Summit in July, Canada has taken on the leadership of the NATO Mission in Iraq.

DEFEATING ISIS

Canada is a key member of the effort to destroy ISIS. We have committed 800 troops to the anti-ISIS effort and will contribute more than CAD \$1.6 billion over three years to deal with the crises in Iraq and Syria and their spillover effects in Jordan and Lebanon.

SOUTH AMERICA

Our diplomatic efforts, including the imposition of sanctions, support the efforts of the United States and our South American partners to reverse Venezuela's slide into dictatorship and to establish a path to democracy and stability.

2026-2027
\$32.7 BILLION

INCREASING DEFENCE SPENDING BY 70%

DEFENCE SPENDING

Canada is ramping up its defence spending - from CAD \$18.9 in 2016-17 to \$32.7 billion in 2026-27 - an increase of more than 70 per cent. This spending will position Canada to deal with traditional emerging threats and be a stronger partner in its key alliances, such as NATO.

2016-2017
\$18.9 BILLION

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