

# MAKING PEOPLE'S LIVES SAFER AND MORE SECURE CANADA'S DEFENCE POLICY

Canada's Defence Policy will shape Canada's role in the world for decades to come. It will ensure that Canada's Armed Forces are equipped and prepared to protect Canadian sovereignty, defend North America, and contribute to global security.

## STRONG AT HOME, SECURE IN NORTH AMERICA, ENGAGED IN THE WORLD

Canada's Defence Policy is the result of a comprehensive review of our priorities. Canada's strategic partnership with the United States is top of mind. The policy increases the size of the Canadian Armed Forces, affirms Canada's commitment to allies and provides new investments to ensure our men and women in uniform have the tools they need to succeed in — and return home from — operations.

### The Defence Policy commits Canada to:

- Increase defence spending by 70% over the next 10 years from \$18.9 billion in 2016–17 to \$32.7 billion in 2026–27.
- Provide \$62.3 billion in new funding over 20 years for a total of \$553 billion in defence spending.
- Increase expenditure on major equipment to 32% by 2024–25 — exceeding the NATO target of 20%.
- Rebuild core capacities with an additional 88 advanced fighter aircraft, 15 surface combatant ships, 2 joint support ships and up to 6 Arctic patrol vessels.
- Grow our armed forces to 71,500 military personnel.
- Increase our capabilities in space and cyber to maintain effectiveness and interoperability with allies, like the United States.



## CANADA: LEADING ABROAD

Canada has fought alongside the U.S. in defence of our common values through World Wars I and II, the Cold War, Korea, the Balkans, the Middle East and Afghanistan. The Defense Policy ensures we have the resources to continue do so. Already Canada is active in such critical locations as:

- **The Middle East:** Canada is active in the fight against the Islamic State. Canadian forces advise and assist Iraqi security forces, conduct air operations, and assist with capacity-building in the region.
- **Central and Eastern Europe:** Canadian troops are contributing to NATO assurance and deterrence measures as one of four framework nations to lead a battalion in the region.
- **Persian Gulf:** Canadian forces are working to stop terrorism, piracy, and secure shipping routes in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean.
- **The Caribbean:** Canadian vessels are patrolling the Caribbean Sea and the eastern Pacific Ocean to prevent drug and human trafficking.

## CANADA: DEFENDING OUR CONTINENT

The Defense Policy commits Canada to work with the United States to ensure the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) — already the most integrated binational defence organization in the world — is modernized to meet existing and future challenges.



\*All figures are in CAD