

DEFENDING COMMON INTERESTS IN OUR NORTH AMERICAN HOMELAND AND ABROAD

CANADA  UNITED STATES
FRIENDS | PARTNERS | ALLIES

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.

NATO

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

THE ARCTIC

As an Arctic nation, our military plays a key role in monitoring Canada's North. We regularly conduct defence operations and exercises, in collaboration with our Arctic partners.

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.

EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE

Canada leads NATO's multinational battle group in Latvia - a military presence aimed at demonstrating the strength of Allied solidarity in the face of Russian aggression. At sea, a Canadian commands Standing NATO Maritime Group Two, patrolling the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. We also participate in NATO's enhanced Air Policing mission from Romania.

CARRIBBEAN

Our ships and aircraft cooperate with the U.S. in the Caribbean to interdict illegal drugs destined for North American markets.

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 - celebrated its 60th anniversary last year.

IRAQ

Canada will command the NATO Mission in Iraq until November 2020, contributing 250 troops to the mission.

DEFEATING ISIS

Since 2016, Canada has contributed more than \$2 billion CAD in response to the crises in Iraq and Syria and their spillover effects on Jordan and Lebanon. Up to 850 troops will continue to support the Global Coalition, NATO Mission Iraq, and capacity-building activities until March 2021.

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%

2016-2017
\$18.9 BILLION

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.

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