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CANADIENNES

Canada

# STRONG SECURE ENGAGED

CANADA'S DEFENCE POLICY

# PROTECTION SÉCURITÉ ENGAGEMENT

LA POLITIQUE DE DÉFENSE DU CANADA





# ***Strong. Secure. Engaged: Canada's New Defence Policy***



**Putting  
People First**



**Long-term  
Capability  
Investments**



**Spending Growth  
and Financial  
Transparency**



**Bold New Vision**



## Putting People First

People are the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) most valuable asset – highly skilled and well-supported personnel are at the core of Canada's new defence policy



**Grow the Force**



**Enhance Care and Support**



**Improve Recruitment,  
Training, Retention**

**+ 3,500 Regular Force**  
(71,500 total)

**+ 1,500 Reserve Force**  
(30,000 total)

**+ 1,150 Civilians**  
(approx. 25,000 total)

*Additional capacity and flexibility to sustain operations, support new priorities and deliver on new investments*

**\$198.2 M for a new Total Health and Wellness Strategy**

**200 new Medical Services Branch personnel**

**Establish 1,200 personnel strong CAF Transition Group**

**\$6 M/year to enhance support for military families**

*Well-supported personnel and families enhance operational output and deliver on our responsibility to our people*

**25% women in CAF by 2026**

**Tax-free Pay for International Operations**

**Significantly reduced enrollment times**

**Comprehensive retention strategy**

*CAF able to recruit, train and retain highly skilled Canadians, fully take advantage of Canada's diverse population, and meet the personnel needs of modern military*





## *Stable, Predictable, Realistic Funding*

*Strong, Secure, Engaged* is **affordable, achievable**, and has been informed by a **rigorous, evidence-based analysis** of Canada's defence needs and the resources required to effectively deliver upon them over a 20-year horizon.

Defence spending will grow from \$18.9 billion to **\$32.7 billion** in 2026-27, an increase of more than 70%

**\$62.3 billion** in new funding over 20 years for **\$553 billion** total defence spending

**\$47.2 billion** over 20 years for 52 critical new equipment, infrastructure and information technology projects

By 2024-25, defence spending will grow to **1.4% of GDP**. Defence expenditure spent on major equipment will also reach **32%**, significantly exceeding the NATO target of 20%.



## Reinvesting in and Modernizing Core Capability



- 15 Canadian Surface Combatants
- 2 Joint Support Ships
- 5-6 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships
- Modernized Victoria-class submarines
- Enhanced naval intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems, upgraded armaments, systems for future platforms



- Light Forces Modernization
- LAV mobility and survivability
- Modernized logistics and heavy engineering vehicles; C-IED
- Replace armoured combat support vehicles
- Ground-based air defence
- Enhanced ability to operate in remote regions
- Arctic mobility enhancements



- 88 new advanced fighter aircraft
- Next generation multi-mission aircraft (CP-140 replacement)
- Next generation air-to-air tanker-transport
- Replace utility transport aircraft
- Range of remotely piloted systems
- Space capabilities (global satellite communications, surveillance of space, ISR)

### Joint Capabilities

- Joint command and control systems and communications
- Joint signals intelligence
- Improved joint deployable HQ and signals regiment
- Improved crypto, info ops and cyber capabilities
- Improved Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive detection and response capabilities

### Special Operations Forces

- Next generation integrated soldier system, land and maritime mobility and fighting vehicle platforms
- Modernized C4
- Airborne ISR platforms
- Recapitalize commercial pattern armoured vehicles



# A New Canadian Vision for Defence: **STRONG, SECURE, ENGAGED.**

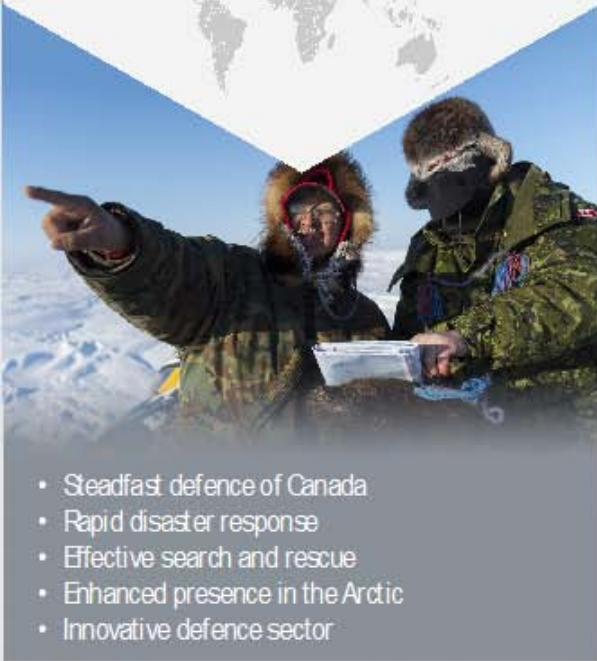
**STRONG**  
at home



**SECURE**  
in North America



**ENGAGED**  
in the world



- Steadfast defence of Canada
- Rapid disaster response
- Effective search and rescue
- Enhanced presence in the Arctic
- Innovative defence sector



- Continuous watch over Canadian air and sea approaches
- Modern and effective NORAD
- Strong defence relationship with the U.S.
- Cutting edge defence research



- Robust commitment to NATO, UN and Coalitions
- Support to Canadian interests and humanitarian assistance
- Improved early warning
- Integrated capacity building with partners

**AGILE, COMBAT READY CANADIAN ARMED FORCES AND RESILIENT PEOPLE AND FAMILIES**





# A New Canadian Approach: ANTICIPATE, ADAPT, ACT.

## ANTICIPATE



... to better understand threats and challenges

## ADAPT



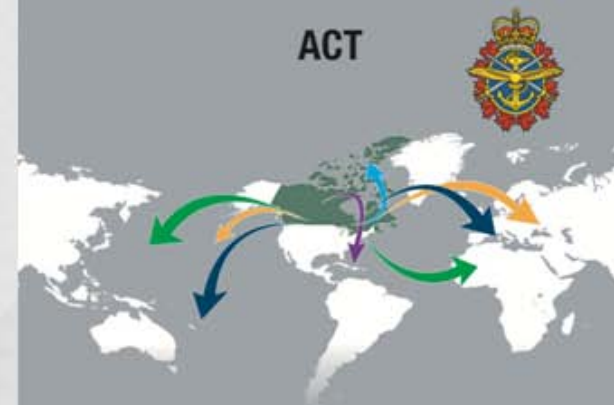
New Technology Strong Workforce Innovative Ideas



Improve Use of Space and Cyber Capabilities	Support People and Families	Innovative Solutions to Defence Challenges
Streamline Procurement	Enhance Reserve Force	Infrastructure Renewal and Greening

... to a changing environment

## ACT



### CANADIAN ARMED FORCES MISSIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detect, Deter and Defend Against Threats to Canada</li> <li>Lead/Contribute Forces to NATO/Coalition Efforts</li> <li>Response to Intl and Domestic Disasters/Major Emergencies</li> <li>Engage in Capacity Building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detect, Deter and Defend Against Threats to North America</li> <li>Lead/Contribute Forces to International Peace Operations</li> <li>Assistance to Civil Authorities/Law Enforcement</li> <li>Conduct Search and Rescue</li> </ul>
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... with decisive military capability across 8 core missions, with modern equipment and highly trained personnel



## *Better meeting CAF needs through enhanced procurement and innovation*

### *Effective Procurement*

Growth and professionalization of the procurement workforce

**50% reduction** in Departmental timelines for low-risk and low-complexity projects

Enhanced contracting authority to allow Defence to manage over **80% of** procurement contracts internally

**Regular report cards on major procurements** to enhance transparency with industry and Canadians

*Well-equipped,  
modern, relevant,  
combat-ready  
Canadian Armed  
Forces*

*Well-paying  
jobs for  
Canadians*

*Export  
opportunities for  
Canadian Industry*

### *Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS)*

**\$313 million over five years /  
\$1.6 billion over 20 years to:**

- Create **clusters** of defence innovators to conduct research and development
- Hold **competitions** that invite innovators to present solutions to specific defence and security challenges
- Implement **flexible new procurement mechanisms** that allow Defence to develop and test ideas and follow through by acquiring the most promising ones





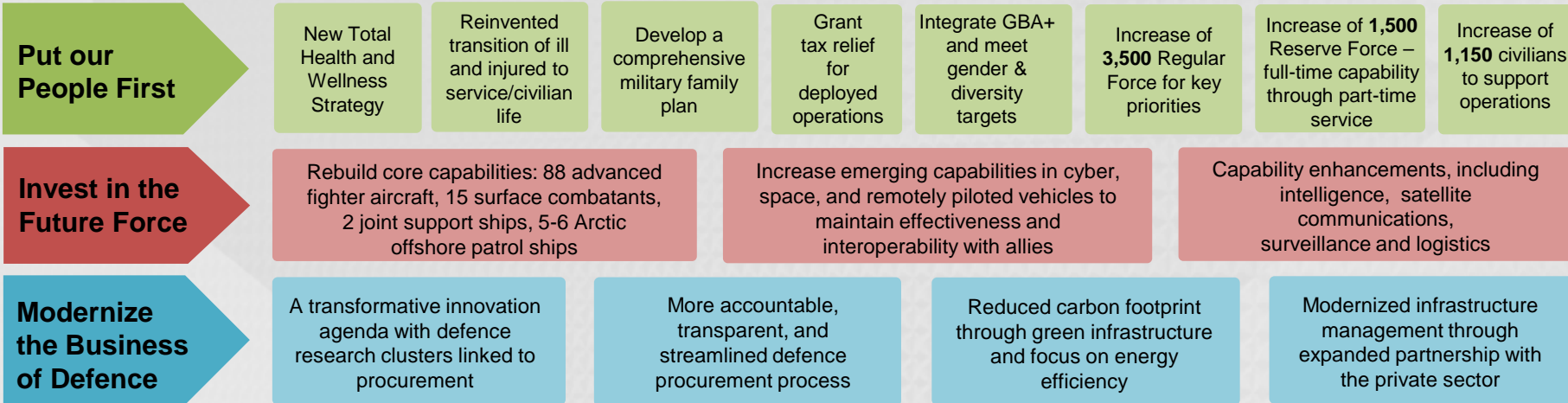
# STRONG. SECURE. ENGAGED: AT A GLANCE

STRONG AT HOME	SECURE IN NORTH AMERICA	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced air and maritime surveillance and control, including Arctic</li> <li>Concurrent response to multiple domestic emergencies</li> <li>Support to counter-terrorism</li> <li>Search and rescue support</li> <li>Innovative defence sector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modernize NORAD with the US</li> <li>Expanded aerospace and maritime domain awareness and control</li> <li>Cutting edge defence research</li> </ul>	<p>CAF prepared to conduct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 major sustained deployments</li> <li>1 major time-limited deployment (6-9 months)</li> <li>2 minor sustained and 2 minor time-limited deployments</li> <li>1 DART mission</li> <li>1 Non-combatant Evacuation Operation</li> </ul>

## DEFENCE FUNDING

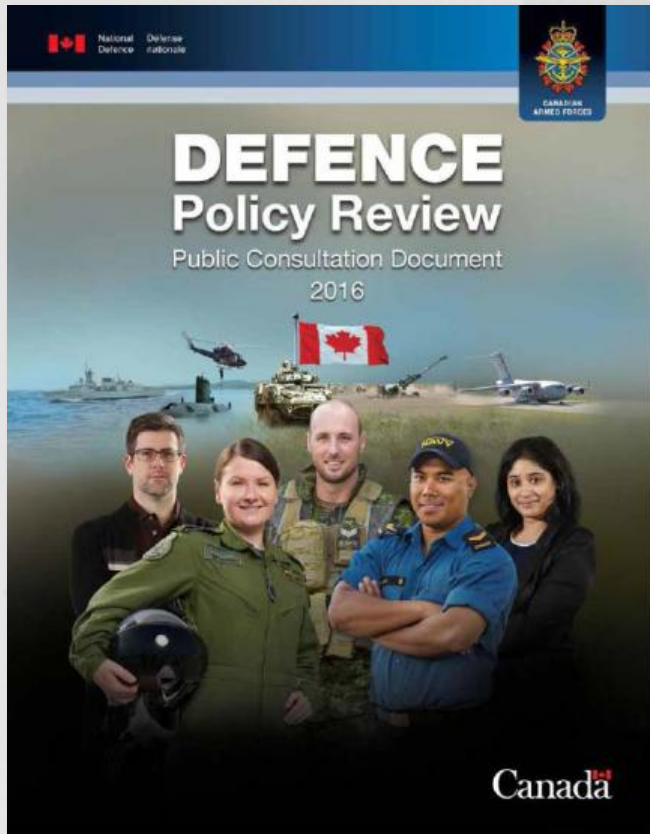
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## NEW INITIATIVES





## *An Unprecedented Consultation Process*



### Public

Over **20,000 entries** on public consultation portal, strong social media engagement and public interest

### Parliament

**House and Senate defence committees** conducted studies, and over **50 MPs** hosted community consultation events

### Experts

**Nine expert roundtable discussions** across the country, including special events on industry, gender and indigenous issues

### Allies

Minister and officials exchanged insights and lessons learned with allies and partners – including a number who have recently completed or have ongoing reviews



## A Complex and Unpredictable Security Environment



### IMPLICATIONS OF A CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT – CANADA MUST:

- *Promote peace and stability abroad to maintain security at home*
- *Have a well-educated, flexible, diverse, combat-ready military capable of conducting a wide range of operations*
- *Develop sophisticated awareness of the operating environment and the human dimension of conflict to better predict and respond to crises*
- *Develop advanced capabilities to keep pace with allies and potential adversaries*
- *Bolster its ability to respond to increasingly severe natural disasters at home and abroad*
- *Continue to be a responsible, value-added partner with NORAD, NATO and Five Eyes*
- *Balance traditional relationships with the need to engage emerging powers*
- *Address threats stemming from terrorism and the actions of violent extremist organizations, including in ungoverned spaces*
- *Enhance its ability to operate in the North and work closely with allies and partners*
- *Work closely together with the US on NORAD modernization to defend North America*