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SPEAKING NOTES

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SALUTATIONS

MY PROPOSITION TODAY IS THIS: THAT THE CANADIAN NAVY IS VERY CREDIBLE AND COMBAT CAPABLE IN MEETING TODAY'S SECURITY CHALLENGES. TOO OFTEN WE TRY TO DIRECTLY COMPARE PREVIOUS CAPABILITY WITHOUT ALSO COMPARING THE THREAT AND GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION OF THE TIME WHICH IS MOST OFTEN AN UNINFORMED AN IRRELEVANT DEBATE.

LA MARINE CANADIENNE A SUBI AU MOINS CINQ GRANDES TRANSFORMATIONS AU COURS DU SIÈCLE PASSÉ ET DOIT CONTINUER D'ÉVOLUER DANS L'AVENIR. LA MARINE, TELLE QUE NOUS LA CONNAISSONS AUJOURD'HUI, EST EN GRANDE PARTIE LE RÉSULTAT D'UNE ÉVOLUTION QUI REMONTE À LA FIN DES ANNÉES 1970, ÉVOLUTION QUI L'A DOTÉE DE LA CAPACITÉ ADÉQUATE POUR DONNER AU CANADA LA PLUS GRANDE SOUPLESSE QUI SOIT DANS LE CONTEXTE ACTUEL D'ÉTABLISSEMENT DE LA SÉCURITÉ À L'ÉCHELLE MONDIALE

OUR ROLE CAN BE PUT FAIRLY SUCCINCTLY -- DEFEND CANADA AND CANADIANS AND CANADIAN INTERESTS, WHETHER IN HOME OR IN DISTANT WATERS IN A CONTEXT OF JOINT AND COMBINED OPERATIONS.

OUR MISSIONS ARE VARIED AND WIDE RANGING -- SOVEREIGNTY, DIPLOMACY, DISASTER RELIEF, OVERSEAS OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WAR, AND WAR-FIGHTING – THE GULF WAR, OPERATION SHARP GUARD IN THE ADRIATIC, EMBARGO OPS IN THE ADRIATIC, HAITI, WINNIPEG FLOODS, Y2K PREPARATIONS, EAST TIMOR, COUNTERING ASYMETRIC THREATS TO CANADA SUCH AS ILLEGAL MIGRATION, DRUG SMUGGLING ETC AND OF COURSE, OPERATION APOLLO CANADA'S LARGEST NAVAL COMMITMENT SINCE WORLD WAR II. THESE ARE ALL EXAMPLES OF HOW CANADA HAS USED ITS MARITIME FORCES TO GOOD EFFECT OVER THE LAST DECADE.

AS IT RELATES TO APOLLO, TO DATE 7 MAJOR WARSHIPS HAVE DEPLOYED WITH MORE TO COME – THIS EXCEEDS THE 94 WHITE PAPER COMMITMENT – DESPITE RESOURCE CHALLENGES THE NAVY UTILIZES ITS RESOURCES TO MAXIMIZE READINESS.

ALTHOUGH BY FAR NOT THE LARGEST FLEET CANADA HAS HAD WE HAVE SUPERB CAPABILITY AND CREDIBILITY ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF BLUE WATER, LITTORAL AND INSHORE OPERATIONS – WHETHER A TASK GROUP IN THE NORTH ARABIAN SEA OR A RESERVE PORT SECURITY UNIT DOING PORT SECURITY OF A CANADIAN PORT WE ARE CAPABLE.

CECI DIT, NOUS NOUS HEURTONS À DES OBSTACLES, ET NON LES MOINDRES. LES PERSONNES ÉCLAIRÉES QUE VOUS ÊTES CONNAISSENT AUSSI BIEN QUE MOI LES DÉFIS QUE NOUS DEVONS RELEVER : RESSOURCES LIMITÉES, PROBLÈMES D'EFFECTIFS, ÉVOLUTION RAPIDE DE LA TECHNOLOGIE ET NÉCESSITÉ DE CHANGEMENTS CONSTANTS POUR QU'À L'AVENIR, LE GOUVERNEMENT CANADIEN ET LE CANADA DISPOSENT DE MOYENS MARITIMES SOUPLES ET RÉALISTES. THAT SAID, WE ARE STRETCHED.

NAVY'S WHILE NOT INEXPENSIVE TO ACQUIRE ARE AMORTIZED OVER A LONG PERIOD AND ARE VERY COST EFFECTIVE TO OPERATE. CANADA'S NAVY ACCOUNTS FOR 17% OF ANNUAL DEFENCE EXPENDITURES.

AS YOU KNOW, THE NAVY BEGAN ITS MOST RECENT TRANSFORMATION IN THE LATE 70s IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME, WE WENT FROM AN ATLANTIC OCEAN, ASW-ORIENTED FLEET OF STEAM-DRIVEN DESTROYER-ESCORTS -- REMNANTS OF OUR POST WORLD-WAR TWO, COLD WAR NAVY -- TO A NEWLY-BUILT MARITIME FORCE OF TWELVE PATROL FRIGATES... TWELVE MARITIME COASTAL DEFENCE VESSELS... AND FOUR DESTROYERS UPGRADED TO FULL COMMAND AND CONTROL AND AIR DEFENCE STATUS. FURTHER WE ARE NOW INTRODUCING A MODERN, COST EFFECTIVE CONVENTIONAL SUBMARINE CAPABILITY. THIS FLEET IS BUILT AROUND THE CONCEPT OF A SMALL TASK GROUP WHICH GIVES CANADA OPTIONS AND FLEXIBILITY TO ACT MULTI-LATERALLY OR UNILATERALLY IF IT CHOOSES.

RISING TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE -- AS WE HAVE -- WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ANYONE'S BOOKS. NEW SYSTEMS, WEAPONS, TACTICS, SENSORS, MANNING -- NEW THINKING, NEW PRACTICES, NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS WERE REQUIRED TO SERVE CANADA AT SEA.

CE FUT LÀ UNE TRANSFORMATION PRATIQUEMENT TOTALE. CHOSE RASSURANTE TOUTEFOIS, NOUS AVONS GARDÉ LE MEILLEUR : NOTRE TRADITION DE PROFESSIONNALISME, DE COMPÉTENCE, DE RESPECT MUTUEL ET DE TRAVAIL D'ÉQUIPE.

AT TIMES, THE TRANSFORMATION WAS ACHIEVED AT THE PRICE OF READINESS AND AS IT RELATES TO SUBMARINES THAT REMAINS TRUE TODAY BUT WITH THE END IN SIGHT. I MAKE NO APOLOGY BECAUSE

WE HAVE BROUGHT TWENTY-EIGHT NEW OR NEWLY REBUILT SHIPS ON-LINE ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, FURTHER WE HAVE DONE SO IN A TIME OF ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL STRAIN, WHEN THE NAVY WENT FROM OVER 10,000 SAILORS TO UNDER 9,000 THOUSAND BUT IMPORTANTLY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DRAW UPON A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE NAVAL RESERVE OF APPROXIMATELY 4000 WITH SPECIFIC, DEFINED AND REAL ROLES WHICH THEY EXECUTE EVERY DAY. I WOULD ALSO TELL YOU THAT THE HALLMARK OF WHAT CANADA'S NAVY HAS ACHIEVED HAS BEEN BORNE OF NECESSITY BUT MADE POSSIBLE BY LEADERSHIP, CREATIVITY – WORLD CLASS COMMAND AND CONTROL AND INTEGRATION.

LA PLANIFICATION NAVALE S'EFFECTUE DANS LE CONTEXTE GLOBAL DE LA PLANIFICATION DES CAPACITÉS DES FC, ET NON DE FAÇON ISOLÉE. NOUS DEVONS ÉGALEMENT À CET ÉGARD VEILLER À AMÉLIORER NOTRE CAPACITÉ EN MATIÈRE D'OPÉRATIONS INTERARMÉES AFIN QU'ELLE SOIT EFFICACE TANT AU PAYS QU'À L'ÉTRANGER.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY OF DOING THIS? BY HAVING COMBAT-CAPABLE NAVAL FORCES WHICH CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AS WELL AS OTHERS AND CAN TAKE ON A WIDE VARIETY OF DISTINCT CANADIAN ROLE OR MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLLECTIVE DEFENCE OF COALITION FORCES WHEREVER REQUIRED. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE DEPLOYABILITY REQUIRED TO PATROL AND SURVEILLE OUR OWN OCEAN APPROACHES IS THE SAME CAPABILITY THAT ALLOWS US TO BE DEPLOYABLE WHEREVER REQUIRED. THUS WE BUILD UPON CAPABILITIES REQUIRED TO DEFEND NORTH AMERICA AND CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

ON THE BASIS THAT CANADA SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY COMMENSURATE WITH OUR DESIRED NATIONAL ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS A NAVAL TASK GROUP IS THE MOST FLEXIBLE AND EASILY SUSTAINABLE "INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY" THAT A GOVERNMENT CAN HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL.

NOUS POUVONS NOUS RENDRE DANS TOUS LES COINS DU MONDE OÙ NOUS POUVONS AVOIR UNE OU DEUX BRASSES D'EAU SOUS LA QUILLE. ET RAPPELEZ-VOUS : AUCUN POINT DU GLOBE NE SE TROUVE À PLUS DE MILLE QUATRE CENTS KILOMÈTRES DE LA MER. CETTE MER QUI CONSTITUE UN ÉLÉMENT CRUCIAL DE L'OPÉRATION LIBERTÉ IMMuable. CETTE MER, OÙ NOUS SOMMES À L'ABRI D'ARRAISONNEMENTS PAR DES PUISSANCES ÉTRANGÈRES, OÙ NOUS DISPOSONS D'UN DROIT DE PASSAGE SUR TOUTES LES GRANDES ROUTES MARITIMES DU GLOBE. NOUS SOMMES EN MESURE DE DEMEURER DANS UN SECTEUR MARITIME DONNÉ, AUSSI ÉLOIGNÉ SOIT-IL DE NOTRE PAYS, PENDANT DE LONGUES PÉRIODES. NOUS SOMMES DONC À MÊME DE JOUER UN RÔLE IMPORTANT DANS DE NOMBREUX DOMAINES.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? -- IT PRESERVES AND IMPROVES OUR WAY OF LIFE BY DEALING WITH THREATS BEFORE THEY DIRECTLY IMPACT CANADA THUS ALSO ENHANCING STABILITY WHICH IN TURN FACILITATES ECONOMIC TRADE WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO CANADA AS A NATION AND TO THE WELFARE OF INDIVIDUAL CANADIANS.

WORLD STABILITY AND THE FREE FLOW OF GOODS AND SERVICES FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER IS THE KEY TO ALLOWING CANADA AND CANADIANS TO PROSPER. SO WE HAVE A DIRECT NATIONAL INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PREVENTION OF DE-STABILISING EVENTS, OR THE RESTORATION OF STABILITY.

AS I REMARKED EARLIER, IT IS A STRATEGY OF EITHER DEALING WITH DIRECT THREATS TO CANADA OR A THREAT FAR AWAY FROM OUR SHORES -- THAT WILL ENSURE OUR PEACE, OUR PROSPERITY AND OUR SAFETY.

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TERRORISM IS NOT WINDOW DRESSING. IT IS REAL, IT IS CREDIBLE AND WE ARE ONE OF A FEW NATIONS WHO ARE DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING. WE HAVE THE EQUIPMENT, THE DOCTRINE, THE CONNECTIVITY AND PROCEDURES THAT MAKE US KEY, INTEGRAL PLAYERS. ARG/CVBG ESCORT AND SCREENING, MIO/LIO. FURTHER, FOR EXAMPLE, IN ADDITION TO OTHER ROLES, OUR CDN TASK GROUP CDR HAS HAD COMMAND OF A MULTINATIONAL GROUP OF SHIPS FROM FOUR NATIONS INCLUDING SHIPS OF THE USN. WE HAVE STAFF ON BOARD THE CARRIER, OUR SEA KINGS HAVE FLOWN OVER 1800 HOURS AND OVER 700 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF AREA SURVEILLANCE. WE HAVE STOPPED, BOARDED, ARRESTED DHOWS, CARGO SHIPS, TANKERS AND ALSO INTERACTED WITH NAVIES IN THE REGION WHO ARE NOT PART OF THE COALITION. OUR MEN AND WOMEN ARE IN HARMS WAY AND THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. WE'RE THERE BECAUSE WE'RE GOOD. WE ARE CAPABLE. WE ARE COMBAT-CAPABLE.

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE A MODEST BUT BALANCED AND CAPABLE AND MODERN FLEET. WE ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT WE HAVE VIABLE TASK GROUPS IN BOTH THE ATLANTIC AND THE PACIFIC READY TO DO THE COUNTRY'S BIDDING.

OF COURSE WE HAVE RESOURCE AND MANNING CHALLENGES. I KNOW OF NO OTHER NAVY THAT DOESN'T. YES, HURON IS ALONGSIDE. BUT THE POINT IS TO DATE SEVEN MAJOR CANADIAN WARSHIPS PLUS EMBARKED TASK GROUP COMMANDER HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO THIS CAMPAIGN WITH MORE TO FOLLOW. YOUR NAVY IS "READY ON STATION" WE HAVE A SUPERB CAPABILITY BUT IT IS FRAGILE AND FLEETING.

NOTRE MARINE D'AUJOURD'HUI EST PRÊTE POUR LE SERVICE À BRÈVE ÉCHÉANCE ET EN FORCE. NOUS SOMMES PARMIS LES MEILLEURS AU MONDE : LES MIEUX ENTRAÎNÉS, LES PLUS EFFICACES, LES PLUS POLYVALENTS. LA DIFFICULTÉ EST, ET RESTERA, DE MAINTENIR NOTRE DISPONIBILITÉ OPÉRATIONNELLE, DE VOIR À CE QUE LA MARINE ÉVOLUE COMME IL SE DOIT POUR POUVOIR FAIRE FACE AUX MENACES FUTURES DE FAÇON EFFICACE SUR LE PLAN DES COÛTS.

THE NEXT TRANSFORMATION HAS STARTED AS WE BUILD PLANS TO ENSURE OUR CONTINUED RELEVANCE AND SOME OF THE AREAS WE ARE FOCUSING ON:

MODERNISATION/RENOUVELLEMENT DE LA FORCE AÉRONAVALÉ;

LA SURVEILLANCE ET LA RECONNAISSANCE INTÉGRÉES DE NOS APPROCHES MARITIMES, AVEC DES CAPACITÉS ET DES PLATEFORMES ADAPTÉES AUX EXIGENCES DE NOS FRONTIÈRES MARITIMES EST UN DOMAINE DANS LEQUEL NOUS FERONS GRANDEMENT APPEL À LA TECHNOLOGIE ÉMERGEANTE.

OUR COASTS - ALL OF THEM;

EVOLVING NETWORKED COMMAND AND CONTROL, PICTURE FUSION, SENSORS AND WEAPONS TO MANAGE THE BATTLESPACE OF THE FUTURE

ENSURING SUSTAINMENT AND DEPLOYABILITY;

CONTINUATION OF TASK GROUP COMMAND AND AAW CAPABILITY

INTELLIGENCE, ESPECIALLY SPACE-BASED SYSTEMS, AND COMMUNICATIONS (C4ISR);

THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE CAPABILITY AREAS THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT BUT I MUST ALSO STRESS THAT TRANSFORMATION IS A CONTINUOUS, NEVER-ENDING ART.

NOUS AVONS MIS SUR PIED UNE STRATÉGIE, ET JE CROIS FERMEMENT QUE NOUS DEVONS MAINTENIR, AMÉLIORER ET DÉVELOPPER NOTRE FORCE MARITIME ET INTERARMÉES EN DOTANT NOTRE MARINE D'UNE STRUCTURE COMPATIBLE ET COMPLÉMENTAIRE À CELLES DE NOS PARTENAIRES AMÉRICAINS, EUROPÉENS ET DU PACIFIQUE, AFIN QUE LE CANADA PUISSE CONTINUER DE PARTICIPER À DES OPÉRATIONS BILATÉRALES ET MULTILATÉRALES AU SEIN DE FORCES INTERARMÉES DE LA FAÇON LA PLUS HARMONIEUSE POSSIBLE.

WE HAVE MARITIME FORCES READY TODAY TO FACE A WIDE RANGE OF THREAT INCLUDING MANY ASYMETRIC THREATS BUT WE MUST CONTINUE TO TRANSFORM AS OUR SECURITY ENVIRONMENT, THE THREAT AND TECHNOLOGY AND DOCTRINE MOVE FORWARD. THAT IS THE CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US. THANK YOU. JE VOUS REMERCI.