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## "Canada First" Defence Strategy

Building on the government's significant defence investments over the past two years, the Canada First Defence Strategy sets a detailed road-map for the modernization of the Canadian Forces. It puts forward clear roles and missions for the Canadian Forces, outlining a level of ambition that will enable the CF to maintain the ability to deliver excellence at home, be a strong and reliable partner in the defence of North America, and project leadership abroad by making meaningful contributions to operations overseas.

The Canada First Defence Strategy is based on an extensive and rigorous analysis of the risks and threats facing Canada in the years to come, as well as the government's vision for defence. Through stable and predictable defence funding, including balanced investments across the four pillars upon which military capabilities are built – personnel, equipment, readiness and infrastructure – the Strategy will increase the size of the Forces and replace their core capabilities. It also presents unprecedented opportunities for Canadian industry in its reach for global excellence.

This stable and predictable funding provides the planning certainty required to continue rebuilding the Canadian Forces. The Canada First Defence Strategy ensures a first-class, modern military, one that is well-trained, well-equipped and ready to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

## "Canada First" Defence Procurement

The Government of Canada is delivering on its "Canada First" commitment to strengthen Canada's multi-role, combat-capable defence force. The Department of National Defence is purchasing equipment and related support services for the Canadian Forces. This Government is doing procurement faster and fairly, getting the right equipment for the Canadian Forces, at the right price for Canadians, with the right benefits for Canadian industry. Strengthening the Canadian Forces by investing in these key capabilities is long overdue.

\*For additional information on "Canada First" Defence Strategy please see the following links (Fr, Eng, Sp, Port): [http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/focus/first/June18\\_0910\\_CFDS\\_english\\_low-res.pdf](http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/focus/first/June18_0910_CFDS_english_low-res.pdf)