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BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

Annex D

**CF Succession of Command
and Alternate Headquarters Plan**

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Defence Administrative Orders and Directives (DAOD) 9000-1:

Absence or Incapacity of the Chief of the Defence Staff and Designation of an Alternate National Defence Command Centre

IDENTIFICATION

Date of Issue	2000-01-28
Date of Modification	2007-xx-xx
Application	This DAOD is an order that applies to officers and non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces ("CF members").
Supersession	NDHQ Policy Directive P1/94, <i>Control and Administration of the Canadian Forces During the Incapacitation or Absence of the Chief of the Defence Staff</i>
Approval Authority	Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS)
Enquiries	Director General Plans (DGP)

OVERVIEW

Purpose	<p>This DAOD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provides direction in the event of the absence or incapacity of the CDS; and• designates an alternate National Defence Command Centre (NDCC).
Background	Under subsection 18(1) of the <i>National Defence Act</i> (NDA), the Governor in Council may appoint an officer to be the CDS, who shall be charged with the control and administration of the CF.

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Section 18.2 of the NDA provides that, in the event of the absence or incapacity of the CDS, the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (VCDS), or any other officer that is specified by the Minister of National Defence (MND) or the CDS, has the control and administration of the CF.

ABSENCE OR INCAPACITY OF THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

Specified Officer in the Absence or Incapacity of the CDS

In the absence or incapacity of the CDS, including any period during which available methods of communication or other circumstances preclude the CDS from effectively exercising control and administration of the CF, the following officers are specified, pursuant to section 18.2 of the NDA and subject to any other direction by the CDS, as having the control and administration of the CF:

- the VCDS;
- in the absence or incapacity of the VCDS, the Commander, Canada Command (Comd, Canada COM);
- in the absence or incapacity of all the above officers, the Comd, Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command (CEFCOM);
- in the absence or incapacity of all the above officers, the Chief of the Maritime Staff (CMS), the Chief of the Land Staff (CLS) or the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), in order of their seniority;
- in the absence or incapacity of all the above officers, the Comd, 1 Canadian Air Division (1 Cdn Air Div); and
- in the absence or incapacity of all the above officers, the Comd, Joint Task Force (Atlantic) (JTFA).

Powers and Jurisdiction

Subject to regulations and any direction by the MND, the officer specified under this DAOD as having the control and administration of the CF exercises all powers and jurisdiction of the CDS, including signing authority.

Notification

The Senior Management Movement Report provides notification if any officer other than the CDS has the control and administration of the CF.

ALTERNATE NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMAND CENTRE

Location

In the event that the NDCC located at the Major-General George R. Pearkes Building is unable to function effectively, the headquarters of the element, in the following order, is designated as the NDCC until the alternate NDCC, location classified, is activated:

- Canada COM;
- CEFCON;
- 1 Cdn Air Div; and
- JTFA.

REFERENCES

Source Reference *National Defence Act*, sections 4, 18 and 18.2