



**The Honourable Edna Ekhivalak Elias
Commissioner of Nunavut**

Speaking notes
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Resolute Bay Nunavut
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Ullakut, good morning all,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Chief of Defense Staff, General Walter Natynczyk (*pronounced "na-tin-chuck"*) and the Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command, Admiral James Winnefeld to our beautiful land and to meet in person the Rangers who are the backbone, the foundation of the Canadian Forces Reserve in the north.

As Commissioner of Nunavut, I am so privileged to witness the wonderful achievements of the Rangers who just patrolled, particularly the ones from Nunavut. Taking part in such events strengthen my pride and trust in Canada. I humbly share your strong patriotism.

Each one of you serves as the military's eyes and ears in the north helping the Canadian Forces defend our country and protect our national security. It is your knowledge about Inuit ways, the land, the language, hunting, weather conditions, your endurance and strong survival instincts that make it all possible. You send a message of strength and solidarity that is of utmost significance; it reaches around the world.

Being a Ranger shows how much you care for others, your community, Nunavut and Canada.

On every special day and community event you are there making us feel protected and proud, reaffirming our appreciation of being Canadians and encouraging us to celebrate our unique northern culture.

I am sure I can speak for others when I say that I am extremely proud of you and your devotion to our communities and our country.

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Chief of Defence Staff, General Walter Natynczyk (pronounced "na-tin-chuck") and the Commander of North American Aerospace Defence Command, Admiral James Winnefeld

Gen Natynczyk is the highest Canadian General in Canada and Adm Winnefeld is a 4 star American Admiral.

Admiral Winnefeld is under invitation from Gen Natynczyk.

set up in Resolute Bay that will showcase the various personnel, equipment and the way the Canadian Forces (CF) operates in Canada's Arctic.

Concept of Operations.

Intent. I intend to deploy a Fwd HQ and RRF(N) using the "Hub & Spoke" concept. This will be a trial deployment of the RRF(N). The op will be commanded by the CO Fwd HQ who will work closely with CO 1 CRPG. Local and surrounding area Rangers will provide the expertise to act as route scouts. 1 CRPG will conduct sovereignty patrols from ISACHSEN to RESOLUTE BAY.

Scheme of Manoeuvre. Staff in YELLOWKNIFE will conduct final preparations for ops commencing 4 Apr 10. An exercise incident will occur 8 Apr 10 will act as the trigger for deployments to RESOLUTE of the RRF(N) Recce Party, Vanguard and Main Body, respectively. JTFN will deploy a Fwd HQ in conjunction with the RRF(N) Vanguard group. The RRF(N) will be airlifted to ISACHSEN then patrol with 2 groups from ISACHSEN to RESOLUTE, exercising their capability to respond to an emergency while simultaneously fulfilling the sovop component of the op.

Main Effort. The main effort will be with 1 CRPG during phase 3.

End state. The end state sees the following objectives completed: sovereignty demonstrated in the eastern, high Arctic; intelligence and information gathered in Named Areas of Interest (NAI); joint operations conducted; and public awareness of the CF's ability to operate in the north increased.

Phasing.

Phase 1 - Warning and preparations. Timeframe: present - 7 Apr 11. The main effort will be with JTFN HQ.

Phase 2 - Deployment. Timeframe: 8 Apr - 10 Apr 11. The main effort will be with 1 CRPG and movement of Rangers to RESOLUTE. Deployment will be a combination of CF assets, LOSV travel, CAL and charter. Understanding weather will affect strategic airlift, phase 3 will not commence until phase 2 is complete.

Phase 3 - Employment. Timeframe: 11 - 18 Apr 11. The main effort will be with 1 CRPG and the safe conduct of patrols. This phase will see the employment and trial of the RRF(N) concept, to include a sovereignty patrol from ISACHSEN to RESOLUTE.

Phase 4 - Redeployment. Timeframe: 19 - 23 Apr 11. The main effort will be with ACCE-N and coord of strat and charter airlift. This phase will include the redeployment of forces from the Joint Operations Area (JOA) and the return of equipment and logistical supplies.