

**DEFENSE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SENIOR NATIONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES**

The broad purpose of the Defense Science and Technology Senior National Representatives (DS&T SNR) forum between the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Science and Technology (DUSD S&T), United States, and the Assistant Deputy Minister (Science and Technology), Department of National Defence (DND), Canada, hereinafter called "the Principals," is to promote and foster the exchange of information between the United States and Canadian defense research organizations in all matters relating to defense research, and to provide the opportunity to focus efforts to achieve common goals. Through discussions, the DS&T SNR will endeavor to:

- a. Review respective science and technology programs;
- b. Provide high level support for current and future cooperative efforts;
- c. Identify new technical areas in which information interchange may be desired and the actions necessary to maximize the effectiveness of that interchange;
- d. Identify specific opportunities for defence S&T collaboration in satisfying requirements for current and future research;
- e. Identify specific projects for defence S&T collaboration and initiate actions necessary to negotiate and conclude arrangements under which the projects will be undertaken;
- f. Review existing cooperative research and development Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and other similar arrangements to identify further technical areas in which the interchange of information may be beneficial;
- g. Promote the exchange of scientists and engineers between the United States and Canada (subject to existing arrangements on these exchanges).

3. Any information disclosed in the course of the DS&T SNR discussions will be used only for information and evaluation purposes within the context of this Terms of Reference and will not be used for any other purpose without prior written consent of the disclosing party. Any classified information disclosed in the course of the discussions will be protected in accordance with the US/Canada General Security Agreement, including the Industrial Security Procedures Annexed thereto, dated 8 Feb 95.
4. The Principals shall meet formally at least once each calendar year and the meeting will be held alternately in the United States and Canada. A summary record of the meeting, with agreed actions, will be prepared by the host country, coordinated with the other country, and signed by both Principals. Additionally, the Principals will coordinate on an annual report summarizing United States/Canadian cooperative activities to be provided to their respective military establishments.
5. The Principals will review the Terms of Reference at five-year intervals and determine if mutual objectives are being met and whether the benefits are commensurate with the resources involved.
  - i. All activities, actions, and arrangements under this agreement will be subject to compliance by each side with its applicable laws and regulations.
- . DS&T SNR forum is not intended to replace or inhibit existing cooperative defense S&T activities, but to provide senior management visibility and coordination.