On the occasion of the official visit by Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Haakon Magnus and Crown Princess Mette Marit to Canada 7-9 November 2016:

Seminar on Canadian – Norwegian Cooperation:

Canadian-Norwegian security challenges in the High North - A driver for enhanced military and industrial cooperation

Monday 7 November 2016
at
Hotel Fairmont Château Laurier, 1 Rideau St, Ottawa ON K1N 8S7, Canada

Attended by:
His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon Magnus

Organized by:
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in cooperation with:
The Norwegian Defence and Security Industries Association (FSi) and Canadian Global Affairs Institute (CGAI)

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Canada and Norway enjoy a long tradition of friendly association. The two nations share many common security goals and challenges, in particular in the Arctic. These challenges foster both political and military cooperation from which operational requirements that need common technical solutions may be derived. The defence industries in both countries are looking for arenas in which they can cooperate for mutual benefit. Both sides' defence industries have prospered from their past and ongoing business relationships and there should be potential for more cooperation.

The objective of this event is to gather relevant stakeholders and decision makers from the government, military and defence industrial communities of both nations to engage in informal discussions and exchange of views on relevant subjects of importance to create a favourable environment for enhanced Canadian-Norwegian defence and defence industrial cooperation. with a particular focus on the need for improved reconnaissance, surveillance and intelligence gathering in the Maritime domain.
Program as of 3 November 2016:

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12:00 pm  Registration – Light Buffet Lunch will be served

12:50 pm  Opening remarks
            Moderator(s)

12:55 pm  Divergence or common interests? – Comparing and contrasting Canada’s and Norway’s approach to the Arctic
            Mr. Dave Perry, Canadian Global Affairs Institute (Moderator)
            Mr. Andreas Østøghen, Senior Fellow/Leadership Group
            The Arctic Institute Center for Circumpolar Security Studies, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
            Mr. Rob Huebert, Professor Associate Director of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies University of Calgary

1:45 pm  Long term development of the Norwegian Armed Forces and industrial strategies
            Mr. John Laugerud, Deputy National Armaments Director, Norwegian Ministry of Defence

2:05 pm  Canadian-Norwegian cooperation in practice: RIMPAC 2016: Hugin Autonomous Underwater Vehicle in Mine Counter Measure operations
            Commander Helge Telle, Royal Norwegian Navy

2:25 pm  Asserting sovereignty in the Arctic and High North – Innovative approaches to Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
            Rear Admiral John Newton, Commander, Maritime Forces Atlantic and JTF Atlantic, Royal Canadian Navy

2:45 pm  Coffee break

3:10 pm  All participants to be seated

3:15 pm  Arrival of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon Magnus
            Speech by Ms. Monica Maeland, Minister of Trade and Industry, Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries

3:25 pm  Asserting sovereignty in the Arctic and High North – Innovative approaches to Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance
            Lieutenant General Erik Gustavson, Chief of Defence Staff (Deputy Chief of Defence)
            Norwegian Armed Forces HQ

3:45 pm  Departure of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon Magnus
3:50 pm  Asserting sovereignty and maintaining situational awareness in the Arctic - What can Airborne and Space enabled ISR and communication assets contribute?
Mr. Christian Hauglie-Hanssen, Chairman the Board, Norwegian Industrial Forum for Space Activities, NIFRO (Moderator)

Col. (ret.), Pierre Leblanc Principal, Arctic Security Consultants

The future of space based assets for Maritime Surveillance and Communications in the High North – The Norwegian Approach, Mr. Bo Andersen, Director General, Norwegian Space Centre

Col. (ret.) George Petrolekas, Director, Business Development, PAL Aerospace

Mr. Peter Mabson, President, exactEarth Ltd.

4:40 pm  Norwegian Defence industry approach to the Canadian market
Ranald McGills, President Kongsberg Geospatial Inc.

5:00 pm  Wrap-up – End of program

6:00 pm  Concert and Official Reception, Canadian Museum of History, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau, QC