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Belgium**

**Agreement between Canada and Belgium on the use of Saint-Hubert and Bertrix Airfields  
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**Convention entre le Canada et la Belgique relative à l'utilisation des aérodromes de Saint-  
Hubert et de Bertrix par l'Aviation royale du Canada. Bruxelles, 30 avril 1958**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT - TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN CANADA AND BELGIUM  
ON THE USE OF  
SAINT-HUBERT AND HEETRIX AIRFIELDS  
BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN  
AIR FORCE.**

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**The Canadian Government and  
the Belgian Government,**

**In view of the general agree-  
ment between the said governments  
concerning the transit through and  
the stationing in Belgium of Cana-  
dian forces, signed at Brussels on  
March 30, 1953;**

**In view of the decision of the  
North Atlantic Council of April 25,  
1956 concerning the improvement of  
the location of air units and the  
measures of implementation re-  
commended by the competent military  
authorities under the Council have  
agreed as follows :**

**Article 1**

**In order to comply with the  
above-mentioned recommendations and**

within the limits thereof, the Belgian Government hereby authorizes the Royal Canadian Air Force to use the airfields at Saint-Hubert and at Bertrix and their off-base dispersal areas, according to the terms of the following articles :

Article 2

- 1) The Royal Canadian Air Force may use and stock at the airfield bases such stocks of materiel, including tele-communications equipment, as may be required to comply with the recommendations of the competent military authorities of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or to meet the needs of any operational mission entrusted to it.
  
- 2) The provisions of paragraph 1 of this article do not apply to non-conventional armaments except with the consent of both governments as expressed in an agreement concluded to that effect.

Article 3

The RCAF will station at the bases of Saint-Hubert and Bertrix only such personnel as are required to enable it to implement the decisions of the North Atlantic Council

and the recommendations of the competent military authorities under the Council.

Within the limits of paragraph 4 of Article IX of the agreement regarding the status of forces of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty signed at London on June 19, 1951, the NCAF may employ on a permanent basis locally-hired civilians as guards and maintenance workers at the bases.

#### Article 4

The separate arrangements between the appropriate authorities of both governments, mentioned in article 2, paragraph 2, of the above-mentioned general agreement of March 30, 1953, will be worked out in accordance with the said general agreement on the basis of the principles accepted by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and agreed to by the two governments, particularly as regards infrastructure problems.

#### Article 5

In the event that Belgian military or civilian aircraft use the base at Saint-Hubert or Bertrix to any regular extent, the Belgian Government will assume the responsibility for payment of a proportionate cost

of the maintenance of the base or bases so used.

In this event, details respecting the apportionment of the cost of maintenance shall be determined by a separate arrangement as provided for in article 4 of this agreement.

#### Article 6

The authorization under article 1 shall cease to take effect as soon as the allocation of the Saint-Hubert and Bertrix Airfields to the RCAF is no longer recommended by the competent military authorities of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Should the said authorities renounce recommending the allocation of one only of these bases to the RCAF, the above-mentioned authorization shall cease to take effect as far as that particular base is concerned, but shall remain in force with regard to the other base.

If for any reason the Canadian Government should renounce the use of the Saint-Hubert and Bertrix airfields or of one of them, the airfield or airfields in question shall be handed over immediately to the Belgian Government, with all their facilities under terms and conditions to be agreed upon.