

## ANNEX A – SPECIAL DUTY AREAS / SPECIAL DUTY OPERATIONS

### **DEFINITIONS**

#### **Special Duty Area (SDA)**

An area outside Canada designated as a Special Duty Area by the Minister of National Defence.

#### **Special Duty Operation (SDO)**

An operation designated as a Special Duty Operation by the Minister of National Defence.

#### **Special Duty Service**

Under the Pension Act means service after 11 September 2001, as a member of the Canadian Forces in a designated special duty area or special duty operation and includes:

1. periods of training for the express purpose of service in a SDA or SDO, wherever that training takes place;
2. travel to and from the SDA / SDO or the location of training referred to in subparagraph a. (above); and
3. authorized leave during special duty service, wherever that leave is taken.

#### **Criteria**

Those conditions which must first exist in order for a SDA or SDO to be declared. These conditions are:

- a. an armed conflict;
- b. an operation authorized under the UN Charter, the North Atlantic Treaty, the North American Aerospace Defence Command Agreement, or any other similar treaty instrument, or any other international or multinational operation;
- c. an operation authorized by the government as a measure for dealing with a national emergency proclaimed under the *Emergencies Act*;
- d. an operation authorized under:
  1. Part VI of the *National Defence Act* for the purpose of aid to the civil power;
  2. Section 273.6 of the *National Defence Act* for the purpose of law enforcement assistance or performance of public service duties;
  3. the crown prerogative, for the purpose of providing assistance to federal, provincial or municipal enforcement authorities
- e. a search and rescue operation;
- f. a disaster relief operation;
- g. a counter-terrorism operation; and
- h. an operation involving exposure to a level of risk equivalent to that associated with operations described in subparagraphs a. through d. above.