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AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium and  
The Government of Canada,

Desirous of strengthening further the close and friendly ties between them,

Wishing to broaden the scope of all aspects of scientific, industrial and technological cooperation between the two states, for their mutual benefit,

Recognizing the beneficial effects that such cooperation can have on the quality of life and economic well-being of their respective peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

*Article I*

The Contracting Parties undertake, in accordance with the laws in force in each of the two states, to facilitate and to encourage scientific, industrial and technological cooperation and exchanges between the agencies and organizations in the public and private sectors and the academic communities of the two states.

*Article II*

The Contracting Parties will together determine those areas of cooperative activity to be carried out under this Agreement. Such activities may be promoted and implemented in the following ways or in such other ways as may be agreed between the Contracting Parties:

- a) visits by individuals and delegations for studies, training, lectures, consultations and conferences and for exchanges of views and experience regarding science and technology and the industrial applications of science and technology;
- b) organization of bilateral symposia and conferences on scientific and technological developments;
- c) arrangements for the exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- d) joint consultation and cooperation on specific scientific, technological and industrial problems;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 21 April 1971 by signature, in accordance with article VI.

- e) the exploration and definition of new forms and areas of cooperation for the promotion and implementation of research projects and business ventures;
- f) cooperation in the technological aspects of new industrial activities.

### *Article III*

To assist in carrying out the programme envisaged in Article II of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties agree to establish a permanent Joint Commission, consisting of at least eight members, an equal number of representatives from each of the Contracting Parties, which shall meet once each year alternately in Canada and Belgium, unless otherwise agreed by both parties. In particular, the functions of this Commission shall be as follows:

- a) to review and coordinate progress made under this Agreement with a view to consolidating and enlarging existing cooperation;
- b) to examine and confirm the programmes for the following year;
- c) to examine appropriate procedures in order to ensure progress and the efficient implementation of programmes and projects undertaken pursuant to this Agreement;
- d) to discuss all matters relevant to the application, functioning and interpretation of this Agreement.

Each Contracting Party will establish within its territory appropriate consultation and coordination arrangements between government authorities and agencies, government and private organizations and academic communities involved in carrying out the cooperative activities provided for in this Agreement.

### *Article IV*

The costs (including salaries) of visits and exchanges provided for under this Agreement shall be borne by the sending state unless other arrangements are agreed between the government authorities and agencies, government and private organizations or academic communities concerned. Apart from the foregoing, the responsibility for any expenditures which might become necessary for the realization of any projects or programmes embarked upon under this Agreement, shall be a matter for consultation and agreement between the Contracting Parties.

### *Article V*

Each of the Contracting Parties shall, in accordance with its own laws, facilitate the admission and sojourn (including the issuance of appropriate visas and permits) of nationals of the other state, and of their families, to pursue activities within the framework of this Agreement.

They shall also facilitate, subject to the same conditions, the entry of personal effects of such persons.

*Article VI*

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by the Contracting Parties. Amendments to this Agreement shall be implemented by exchange of diplomatic notes.

*Article VII*

The present Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years. If it has not been denounced by either of the Contracting Parties within six months before its expiry, it shall be renewed automatically for two-year periods, unless denounced within six months of the expiration of any such two-year period. In case of denunciation the Contracting Parties will make the necessary arrangements to ensure that any joint project undertaken within the terms of this Agreement is completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the two Governments have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Brussels this 21st day of April 1971, in two copies, in the English, French and Dutch languages, the three texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

[Signed]

PIERRE HARMEL

[Signed]

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For the Government  
of Canada:

[Signed]

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