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The Government of Canada and the Government of the Tunisian Republic, desiring to further and strengthen trade relations between their two countries, have agreed as follows:

Article I. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Tunisian Republic shall extend to each other most-favoured-nation treatment, as defined in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,² and shall in its application comply with the principles and regulations thereof, even if the said Agreement should fail to come into force definitively.

Article II. In compliance with the relevent articles of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade:

- (a) The provisions of the preceding article shall not apply to the preferential tariffs or other concessions now granted by Canada exclusively to countries and their overseas dependencies that are entitled to British preferential tariff treatment;
- (b) the provisions of the preceding article respecting most-favoured-nation treatment shall not apply to:
 - Concessions granted by one of the contracting parties to neighbouring countries with a view to facilitating border traffic;
 - Concessions resulting from present or future membership of one of the contracting parties in a customs union or a free trade area;
 - Concessions granted by the Tunisian Republic to one or more Arab Maghreb countries.

Article III. For purposes of this agreement, products originating in and consigned from Tunisia shall be considered Tunisian products, and products originating in and consigned from Canada shall be considered Canadian products.

Article IV. Each of the contracting parties undertakes to promote and facilitate the expansion of trade relations between the two countries. To this effect, each of the contracting parties shall assist the other, in so far as possible, in the organization of trade missions, exhibitions and fairs, and shall promote a more intensive exchange of trade information between Canadian and Tunisian enterprises and organizations.

Article V. With respect to trade marks, marks of origin and patents, each of the contracting parties shall comply in its trade relations with the obligations imposed by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property as revised at London in 1934³ The contracting parties undertake to assist one another in the prevention of any practice which might be prejudicial to their trade relations.

Article VI. All payments in respect of trade between the two countries shall be made in any convertible currency mutually agreed upon by the two contracting

¹ Came into force on 8 August 1972 by signature, in accordance with article VIII.

² United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 55, p. 187.

³ League of Nations, Treaty Series, vol. CXCII, p. 17.

parties. These payments shall be made in accordance with the legislation in force in each of two countries.

Article VII. The Government of each contracting party shall welcome representations or proposals made by the Government of the other contracting party concerning the implementation of the present agreement, or other problems affecting their trade relations.

Article VIII. The present agreement shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall be valid for a period of two years.

It shall be renewable by tacit agreement every two years as long as neither of the contracting parties gives written notice of its termination three months prior to its expiration.

Done at Tunis this eighth day of August 1972 in duplicate, in French and English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Canada:
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For the Government of the Tunisian Republic:
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