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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
CANADA**

**Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation in the field
of housing and urban affairs. Signed at Ottawa on
28 June 1977**

Authentic texts: English and French.

Registered by the United States of America on 24 November 1978.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
CANADA**

**Protocole d'entente concernant le logement et les affaires
urbaines. Signé à Ottawa le 28 juin 1977**

Textes authentiques : anglais et français.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 24 novembre 1978.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS OF CANADA ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Parties recognize a mutual interest and benefit in exchanging information and research related to housing and urban affairs,

The Parties intend to develop arrangements that will facilitate the sharing of information and other cooperative efforts related to housing and urban affairs,

Therefore, the Parties have agreed as follows:

1. *Joint Steering Committee*

(a) A Joint Steering Committee is hereby established. The purpose of this Committee is to facilitate the exchange of information and other cooperation by the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding.

(b) The Joint Steering Committee will have four members. After appropriate consultation, each Party will designate two members, and one of these will be designated Co-Chairperson and the second as the alternate.

(c) The Co-Chairpersons will establish procedures for carrying out the work of the Committee, including setting the time, place, and agenda for meetings.

(d) The Joint Steering Committee may organize one or more joint Working Groups to carry out assigned tasks. The Co-Chairpersons may, after consultation, invite members of the Joint Steering Committee, representatives of government agencies, members of private organizations or individual private citizens to participate in a Working Group.

2. *Cooperative programs and projects*

(a) The Joint Steering Committee will select all programs and projects for cooperative effort under this Memorandum of Understanding. In giving its approval, the Joint Steering Committee will define each program or project in detail, including the scope and priority of effort and a schedule for completion.

(b) The following subjects will be considered by the Joint Steering Committee in selecting programs and projects for the exchange of information or other cooperative effort:

- Development of national urban policies and strategies;
- Central city revitalization and neighbourhood preservation;
- Housing finance mechanisms, including secondary mortgage markets;
- Native housing;
- Impact of energy considerations on urban planning and development;
- Other subjects as may be agreed by the Joint Steering Committee.

¹ Came into force on 28 June 1977 by signature, in accordance with paragraph 5(a).

3. *Management*

(a) The Joint Steering Committee will be responsible for the general management of programs and projects undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

(b) Agreed programs and projects may be carried out by any of the following means:

- Exchange of information resources, including reports and studies, policy statements, computer data bases, systems design, bibliographies, and legislative materials;
- Exchange visits by experts, advanced students, representatives of public or private organizations, or private citizens;
- Joint meetings and seminars;
- Joint research and study projects;
- Other means as agreed.

4. *Costs*

(a) Unless otherwise agreed, each Party or participating institution, organization, firm or individual will bear the costs of its participation, including personnel costs, in activities pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

(b) Work under this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of funds and other resources on each side.

5. *Effective date and extensions*

(a) This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature and remain in force for five years. It will be automatically extended for successive five-year periods unless either Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding not later than six months prior to its expiration.

DONE in duplicate at Ottawa on the 28th of June, 1977, in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the United States Department
of Housing and Urban Development:

[Signed — Signé]¹
Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development

For the Canadian Ministry of State for Urban Affairs and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

[Signed — Signé]²
Minister of State
for Urban Affairs

¹ Signed by Patricia Roberts Harris — Signé par Patricia Roberts Harris.

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