TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of China,

Hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

With a view to strengthening trade relations and developing trade between their two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The two Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations in force in each country, endeavour to create favourable conditions for further strengthening the flow of goods between the two countries.

ARTICLE II

The two Contracting Parties shall grant each other most favoured nation treatment with regard to customs duties, all taxes and subsidiary charges, levied on imports and exports, as well as with regard to customs and other relevant formalities, regulations and procedures.

ARTICLE III

The provisions of Article II of this Agreement shall not apply to

- (a) treatment granted by either Contracting Party resulting from the membership of either country in a customs union or free trade area, or from other arrangements relating to preferential trade; and such measures as either Contracting Party may take to meet its commitments under international commodity agreements;
- (b) treatment granted by either Contracting Party to neighbouring countries in respect of border trade.

ARTICLE IV

The exchange of goods and technical services between the two Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations in force in each country, be carried out by legal and physical persons in Canada and state-owned import and export corporations of the People's Republic of China.