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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN CANADA AND BAHRAIN

Trade Minister Ed Lumley announced today the signing of an Educational Services Procurement Agreement covering future cooperation in the field of education between Canada and the State of Bahrain. The agreement was developed by Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) on behalf of the Ontario Educational Services Corporation (OESC), an agency of the Government of Ontario which facilitates the provision of educational resources.

Areas of cooperation included under the agreement are: teacher training, curriculum development, the provision of contract faculty, and the development of institutional support systems for Bahrain. This represents the first procurement services agreement to be developed by CCC for the provision of educational services from Canada.

Negotiations for the agreement were concluded during a recent mission to the Middle East by the Honourable Bette Stephenson, Ontario Minister of Education. The document was signed by Ian Wood, Ambassador of Canada to Kuwait on behalf of Canadian Commercial Corporation, by His Excellency Dr. Ali Fakhro, Minister of Education, for the State of Bahrain, and by Dr. Stephenson on behalf of OESC.

Canadian Commercial Corporation, a federal Crown Corporation, contracts with foreign governments and international agencies on behalf of Canadian suppliers of goods and services. Last year, CCC achieved sales of over \$400 million involving 550 Canadian firms and more than 50 foreign customers.

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