

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
ON  
COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC AND THE NORTH**

**The Government of Canada and the Government of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties")**

**Noting** the geographical, ecological and cultural similarities between these two sovereign countries in their respective Arctic and northern regions,

**Guided** by the desire to develop a new mutually beneficial partnership aimed at solving common problems for the benefits of the inhabitants of the Arctic and northern regions of the Parties,

**Taking into account** that Canada and the Russian Federation, as Arctic states, play leading roles in Arctic and northern studies and development and that the Arctic region is of particular importance for both countries,

**Bearing in mind** the rights and obligations of Canada and the Russian Federation, in accordance with international law, especially as Arctic states,

**Aware** of the existing and growing commitment of the circumpolar countries to work together on Arctic matters, on the protection of the interests of its population, on the rational use of its resources, and on fostering prosperity in the region, through enhanced circumpolar cooperation,

**Convinced** of the importance of the direct participation and contribution of provincial (republican), regional and local governments and northerners, aboriginal and non-aboriginal, to Arctic and northern development in Canada and the Russian Federation,

**Drawing** on the experience gained in past long-standing bilateral contacts and culminating in exchanges in the field of Arctic and northern development under the Canada-USSR Protocols on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Arctic and the North of April 16, 1984, and February 26, 1987, and the Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation in the Arctic and the North of November 20, 1989,

**Taking into account** the joint Canada-Russia Declaration on Friendship and Cooperation of February 1, 1992,

**In accordance** with the Treaty of Concord and Cooperation Between Canada and the Russian Federation of June 19, 1992,

**Have agreed as follows:**