

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
CONCERNING AUDIO-VISUAL RELATIONS**

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RUSSIAN FEDERATION,**

CONSIDERING the importance of developing and strengthening the good relations and broadening understanding between the Russian and Canadian people in the spirit of friendship and co-operation;

PROCEEDING from the USSR-Canada General Exchanges Agreement of October 20, 1971;

CONVINCED that it is desirable to develop these exchanges, particularly in the audio-visual field;

CONSCIOUS that such co-operation can contribute to the further expansion of the audio-visual industries of both countries as well as to the development of their cultural and economic exchanges;

HAVE AGREED to develop between the Russian Federation and Canada exchanges in the audio-visual field as follows:

ARTICLE I

The two parties shall expand and strengthen their co-operation and exchanges in the audio-visual field in accordance with the national legislation and the regulations in force in each country.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

ARTICLE II

1. The Protocol concerning audio-visual co-production is an integral part of the present Agreement and is annexed to the Agreement.
2. In the development of the present Agreement, other protocols may be signed which, by mutual consent, shall form an integral part of the Agreement.
3. It is recognized that the words "audio-visual works" refer to productions, irrespective of length, produced either on film, videotape or any other medium of image and sound reproduction, for exploitation in theatres, on television, videocassette, videodisc or by any other form of distribution.