

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**  
**ON AUDIO-VISUAL CO-PRODUCTION**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA, (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),**

**CONSIDERING** that it is desirable to establish a framework for audio-visual relations and particularly for film, television and video co-productions;

**CONSCIOUS** that quality co-productions can contribute to the further expansion of the film, television and video production and distribution industries of both countries as well as to the development of their cultural and economic exchanges;

**CONVINCED** that these exchanges will contribute to the enhancement of relations between the two countries;

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE I**

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, an "audio-visual co-production" is a project, irrespective of length, including animation and documentary productions, produced either on film, videotape or videodisc, or in any other format hitherto unknown, for exploitation in theatres, on television, videocassette, videodisc or by any other form of distribution. New forms of audio-visual production and distribution will be included in the present Agreement by exchange of notes.
2. Co-productions undertaken under the present Agreement must be approved by the following authorities, referred to hereinafter as the "competent authorities":  
  
In Canada:  
  
the Department of Canadian Heritage; and  
  
In Venezuela:  
  
the Centro Nacional Autónomo de Cinematografía (CNAC)
3. Every co-production proposed under this Agreement shall be produced and distributed in accordance with the national legislation and regulations in force in Canada and Venezuela;