

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
ON
INTEGRATED CROSS-BORDER MARITIME
LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

PREAMBLE

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (hereinafter “the Parties”);

CONSIDERING that it is in the common interest of both countries to enhance their border co-operation;

RECOGNISING the principle of sovereignty of states;

RECOGNISING the importance of respecting fundamental rights and freedoms notably privacy;

COMMITTED to the prevention, detection, suppression, investigation, and prosecution of any criminal offence or violation of law related to border enforcement including, but not limited to, the illicit drug trade, migrant smuggling, trafficking of firearms, the smuggling of counterfeit goods and money, and terrorism;

DESIRING Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement operations to be intelligence-driven, based on joint Canada-United States threat and risk assessment and coordinated with existing cooperative cross-border policing programs and activities;

RECALLING their continuing cooperation and record of successful partnership in pursuing seamless law enforcement operations at their shared border; and

COGNISANT of the reciprocal nature of this Agreement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

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