

**AGREEMENT ON LABOUR COOPERATION
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA**

PREAMBLE

CANADA and **THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA** hereinafter referred to as the "Parties":

RECALLING their resolve in the *Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the Republic of Colombia* (CCOFTA) to:

- (a) protect, enhance and enforce basic workers' rights,
- (b) strengthen cooperation on labour matters, and
- (c) build on their respective international commitments on labour matters;

SEEKING to complement the economic opportunities created by the CCOFTA with the human resource development, protection of basic workers' rights, labour-management cooperation and continuous learning that characterize high-productivity economies;

REAFFIRMING the obligations of both countries as members of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and their commitments to the *ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work* and its Follow-Up (1998) (ILO 1998 Declaration);

AFFIRMING their continuing respect for each other's constitution and law;

DESIRING to build on their respective international commitments;

RECOGNIZING the importance of mutual cooperation to strengthen actions on labour matters, including by:

- (a) encouraging consultation and dialogue between labour, business and government;