

AUDIOVISUAL CO-PRODUCTION TREATY

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND

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RECOGNIZING that quality audiovisual treaty co-productions contribute to the vitality of the audiovisual industries of the Parties and to the development of their economic and cultural exchanges;

APPRECIATING that cultural diversity is nurtured by constant exchanges and interaction between cultures and that it is strengthened by the free flow of ideas;

CONSIDERING that, in pursuit of international cooperation, the UNESCO *Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions*, done at Paris on 20 October, 2005, encourages audiovisual co-production treaties as a means of promoting international cooperation;

AGREEING that these exchanges may enhance the relations between the Parties;

RECOGNIZING that these objectives may be achieved by granting, insofar as possible, domestic benefits to qualified audiovisual treaty co-productions;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purpose of this Treaty:

- (a) "audiovisual" means a film, television, and/or video work on any production support known or not yet known for any distribution platform intended for viewing;
- (b) "competent authority" means for each Party, the authority which has the overall responsibility for the implementation of this Treaty;
- (c) "administrative authority" means for each Party, the designated authority which administers this Treaty;