

**AGREEMENT  
ON CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY  
BETWEEN  
CANADA  
AND  
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**

**CANADA** and **THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY** hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Parties",

**CONSIDERING** that each Party has determined, by a long practice of technical exchanges and bilateral arrangements between Canada and members of the European Community (EC), that the standards and systems of the other Party for the airworthiness and environmental certification or acceptance of Civil Aeronautical Products are sufficiently equivalent to its own to make an agreement practicable,

**RECOGNISING** the emerging trend toward multinational design, production, and interchange of Civil Aeronautical Products,

**DESIRING** to promote civil aviation safety and environmental quality and compatibility and facilitate the exchange of Civil Aeronautical Products,

**DESIRING** to enhance cooperation and increase efficiency in matters relating to civil aviation safety,

**CONSIDERING** that their cooperation can positively contribute in encouraging greater international harmonisation of standards and processes,

**CONSIDERING** the possible reduction of the economic burden imposed on the aviation industry and operators by redundant technical inspections, evaluations, and testing,

**RECOGNISING** the mutual benefit of improved procedures for the reciprocal acceptance of approvals and testing as regards airworthiness, environmental protection, aircraft maintenance facilities, and continuing airworthiness,

**RECOGNISING** that any such reciprocal acceptance needs to offer an assurance of conformity with applicable technical regulations or standards equivalent to the assurance offered by a Party's own procedures,