

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE
IN CUSTOMS MATTERS**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, hereafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

CONSIDERING that offences against Customs law are prejudicial to the economic, fiscal, social, cultural, public health, security and commercial interests of their States;

CONSIDERING the importance of accurate assessment of customs duties and taxes collected at importation or exportation and of ensuring proper enforcement of measures of prohibition, restriction and control;

RECOGNIZING the need for international cooperation in matters related to the application and enforcement of the Customs laws of their States;

CONSIDERING that illegal cross-border trafficking in weapons, explosives, chemical, biological and nuclear substances as well as in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, endangered species, hazardous goods and other prohibited, regulated or controlled goods constitutes a particular danger to society;

CONVINCED that action against Customs offences can be made more effective by close cooperation between their Customs Administrations;

HAVING REGARD TO the Recommendation on Mutual Administrative Assistance, the Declaration on the Improvement of Customs Co-operation and Mutual Administrative Assistance (the Cyprus Declaration) and the Resolution on Security and Facilitation of the International Trade Supply Chain, adopted in December 1953, July 2000 and June 2002, respectively, by the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization;