

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**ON**  
**THE PRINCIPLES AND BASIS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN**  
**THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES OF CANADA AND**  
**THE SUBJECTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**, hereafter referred to as the "Parties",

**CONVINCED** that the cooperation between regions is an essential element of relations between Canada and the Russian Federation,

**GUIDED** by Article 16 of the Treaty on Concord and Cooperation between Canada and the Russian Federation of June 19, 1992,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the development of mutually beneficial partnership relations between the Provinces and Territories of Canada and the subjects of the Russian Federation contribute to strengthening good relations and mutual understanding between Canadians and Russians.

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

The Parties undertake to create favourable conditions for and promote the development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the Provinces and Territories of Canada and the Subjects of the Russian Federation.

For this purpose, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, will maintain contacts and hold consultations as necessary.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Provinces and Territories of Canada and the Subjects of the Russian Federation may enter into understandings on cooperation in matters coming under their respective jurisdiction.