

**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
ON  
INTEGRATED CROSS-BORDER MARITIME  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**PREAMBLE**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (hereinafter “the Parties”);

**CONSIDERING** that it is in the common interest of both countries to enhance their border co-operation;

**RECOGNISING** the principle of sovereignty of states;

**RECOGNISING** the importance of respecting fundamental rights and freedoms notably privacy;

**COMMITTED** to the prevention, detection, suppression, investigation, and prosecution of any criminal offence or violation of law related to border enforcement including, but not limited to, the illicit drug trade, migrant smuggling, trafficking of firearms, the smuggling of counterfeit goods and money, and terrorism;

**DESIRING** Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement operations to be intelligence-driven, based on joint Canada-United States threat and risk assessment and coordinated with existing cooperative cross-border policing programs and activities;

**RECALLING** their continuing cooperation and record of successful partnership in pursuing seamless law enforcement operations at their shared border; and

**COGNISANT** of the reciprocal nature of this Agreement;

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

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