

AGREEMENT
ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION
IN RELATION TO CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT
BETWEEN
CANADA
AND
SWITZERLAND

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**THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA ("the Parties"),**

CONSIDERING the traditional links of friendship that exist between Switzerland and Canada,

CONSIDERING that on the basis of the 1997 Arrangement on commercial and economic cooperation between Switzerland and Canada, both Parties have expressed a desire to establish a more formal framework for the conduct of collaboration in the field of mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment,

CONSIDERING the Parties' interest in strengthening the rules governing free and unhindered international trade,

CONSIDERING the improved conditions for trade between the Parties which the mutual recognition of tests, certificates and marks of conformity will bring about,

RECOGNISING the importance of maintaining their respective high standards of health and safety,