

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
CONCERNING THE HEADQUARTERS OF
THE CONVENTION SECRETARIAT

WHEREAS the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity accepted in decision 11/19 on 17 November 1995 in Jakarta the offer of Canada, as contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/2/Rev.1, to host in Montreal the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, established under Article 24 of the Convention;

WHEREAS the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to which Canada has been a party since 22 January 1948, applies to United Nations officials servicing the Secretariat;

NOTING decision 1/4 contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/1/17 of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention designating UNEP to carry out the functions of the Secretariat of the Convention;

NOTING further the undertaking of the Government of Canada to ensure the availability of all the necessary facilities and conditions to enable the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to perform its functions, including its scheduled programmes of work and any related activities;

DESIRING, therefore, to conclude an Agreement regulating matters resulting from the establishment in Montreal, Canada of the Headquarters of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

In this Agreement:

- (a) "**Convention**" means the Convention on Biological Diversity done at Rio de Janeiro on 5 June, 1992 and entered into force on 29 December 1993;