- 3. The Mixed Commission will meet at least once every two years, alternately in the Russian Federation and Canada. Each Party will designate its representatives to the Commission's sessions in accordance with its own procedures and practices.
- 4. The Mixed Commission will be co-chaired by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on the Canadian side, and the Chairman of the State Committee of Socio-Economic Development of the North, on the Russian side.
- 5. Each Party shall maintain a Secretariat, headed by an Executive Secretary, to support the work of the Mixed Commission. To facilitate the liaison, the Parties may consider the exchange of officials of the Secretariat for an agreed period of time.
- 6. For the purpose of the implementation of the programmes of cooperation, working groups may be set up, working plans may be elaborated, and separate protocols and memoranda may be agreed to, by the Mixed Commission.

## ARTICLE 5

- 1. Each Party shall bear the expenses of its participation in the activities carried out, unless otherwise agreed.
- 2. During the exchange of delegations in the course of programmes, the sending Party shall bear the expenses of two-way travel to a mutually agreed point and the receiving Party shall bear the expenses during the stay of the delegation in the receiving country, unless otherwise agreed.
- 3. The duration of the stay in the receiving country and the number of persons in each delegation will be agreed prior to their departure from the sending country. The exchanges will be based on the principle of equal number of delegations and equal durations of stay, unless otherwise agreed.
- 4. Matters of a commercial or juridical character that may arise during cooperation shall be resolved by special agreements or contracts, or both.

## ARTICLE 6

- 1. The Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation in the Arctic and the North of November 20, 1989 ceases upon the entry into force of this Convention.
- 2. The workplans, Protocols and Memoranda of Cooperation agreed to under the 1989 Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Cooperation in the Arctic and the North shall be subsumed with the corresponding changes under the present Agreement.