

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO**  
**FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA FASO** (the “Parties”),

**SEEKING** to promote and to protect investments at the national and international levels;

**UNDERSTANDING** that investment is a form of sustainable development that meets present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs and that it is critical for the future development of national and global economies as well as for the pursuit of national and global objectives for sustainable development;

**RECOGNIZING** that the promotion and the protection of investments of investors of one Party in the territory of the other Party help stimulate mutually beneficial business activity, develop economic cooperation between the two countries and promote sustainable development,

**UNDERSTANDING** further that the promotion and protection of these investments requires cooperation between investors, host governments, and home governments;

**RECOGNIZING** the development to date of means of protection for foreign investors in international law;

**RECOGNIZING** the undertakings in the *United Nations Convention against Corruption*;

**NOTING** internationally recognized standards of corporate social responsibility;

**RECOGNIZING** the right of each Party to adopt or maintain any measures that are consistent with this Agreement and that relate to health, safety, the environment, or public welfare, as well as the difference in the Parties’ respective economies; and

**RECOGNIZING** that an international investment agreement should reflect the basic principles of transparency, stability, predictability, accountability, and legitimacy that apply to foreign investment regimes,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows: