

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOR THE SHARING OF VISA
AND IMMIGRATION INFORMATION**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties");

NOTING the importance of a new approach to migration that takes into account the global patterns of both regular and irregular migration and the increasingly sophisticated methods of identity fraud and abuse of their respective immigration laws;

RECOGNIZING that border security and border management are significantly enhanced by cooperation and collaboration;

EMPHASIZING that it is critically important to have timely access to current and accurate Information to inform inadmissibility assessments or other immigration-related determinations that are vital to their common security;

CONSIDERING that the administration and enforcement of their respective immigration laws are important to protect the health and safety of their populations, to maintain the security of their societies, and to promote international justice and security by denying access to their territories to persons who are criminals or security risks;

CONVINCED that greater cooperation through the exchange of Information can make their actions in achieving these objectives more effective;