

The Government of Canada and the Swiss Federal Council,

Considering that it is desirable to establish a framework for video and film relations and particularly for coproductions;

Conscious that quality coproductions can contribute to the development of the film culture of the film and video industries of both countries as well as to the development of their cultural and economic exchanges;

Convinced that these exchanges will contribute to the enhancement of the relations between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

I COPRODUCTIONS

ARTICLE I

For the purposes of this Agreement, the words "film and video coproduction", refer to projects irrespective of length or format including animation and documentaries, produced either on film, videotape or videodisc, for distribution in theatres, on television, videocassette, videodisc or any other form of distribution.

Coproductions undertaken under the present Agreement must be approved by the following competent authorities:

in Canada: the Minister of Communications.

in Switzerland: the Federal Office of Culture.