

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
REGARDING COOPERATION ON
CONSULAR ELEMENTS OF FAMILY MATTERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties";

IN SUPPORT OF their mutual relations, and desirous to promote cooperation between their two States;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the dispositions of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, signed in New York in 1989, and in particular the provisions of Article 11 according to which the States Parties, including Canada and the Arab Republic of Egypt, shall take the necessary measures to combat the illicit transfer and non-return of children abroad, and to this end, promote the conclusion of bilateral or multilateral agreements in this respect;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the dispositions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, signed in Vienna in 1963, to which Canada and the Arab Republic of Egypt are States Parties, and in particular the provisions of Article 5 (e) and (h), according to which consular functions consist, inter alia, in helping and assisting nationals of the sending State and in safeguarding, within the limits imposed by the laws and regulations of the receiving State, the interests of children who are nationals of the sending State;

RECOGNIZING that questions pertaining to family matters, including questions of child custody, can often represent human tragedies and present a particular challenge to bilateral efforts for a just and humane solution;

DESIRING to promote and enhance consular cooperation between their two States to deal with these issues;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1. A Joint Consultative Commission shall be established comprising representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for Canada and representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice and the Interior for the Arab Republic of Egypt.