

**AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**  
**ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION**  
**IN HIGHER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH**

**THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY**, on the one part, and **THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**, on the other part, hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties",

**NOTING** that the Declaration on European Community-Canada Relations adopted by the European Community and its Member States and the Government of Canada on 22 November 1990 makes specific reference to strengthening mutual cooperation in various fields which directly affect the present and future well-being of their citizens, such as exchanges and joint projects in education and culture, including academic and youth exchanges;

**NOTING** that the EU-Canada Joint Political Declaration and Action Plan adopted on 17 December 1996 states that in order to renew their ties based on shared cultures and values, the Parties will encourage contacts between their citizens at every level, especially among their youth; and that the Joint Action Plan attached to the Declaration encourages the Parties to further strengthen their cooperation through the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada Establishing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Training ratified in 1996;

**NOTING** that the EU-Canada Partnership Agenda adopted on 18 March 2004 at the EU-Canada Summit refers to the need to seek new ways to foster links between our respective peoples, notably by broadening the scope of Canadian and European Community exchange programmes for young people and by exploring avenues to reinforce and broaden the scope of EC-Canada cooperation when renewing the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of Canada Renewing a Cooperation Programme in Higher Education and Training ratified in March 2001;