

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
ON COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC AND THE NORTH**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics hereinafter referred to as "the Parties":

Noting the unique features of the Arctic region, its population and its environment,

Guided by the desire to broaden and deepen mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries in accordance with existing agreements and understandings,

Convinced that the development of such cooperation makes a constructive contribution to the relaxation of international tensions and to the consolidation of the principles of long-term fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation among states on the basis of equality, non-interference in internal affairs and mutual respect for the interests of the Parties,

Taking into account that Canada and the USSR, as Arctic states, play leading rôles in Arctic studies and development and that the Arctic region is of particular importance for both countries,

Bearing in mind the rights and obligations of Canada and the USSR, in accordance with international law, as Arctic rim countries,

Drawing on the experience gained in bilateral contacts and exchanges on the Arctic and the North under the Canada-USSR General Exchanges Agreement of October 20, 1971, the Long-Term Programme of Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Canada and the USSR of October 26, 1978, and the Canadian-Soviet Protocols on Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Arctic and the North of April 16, 1984, and February 26, 1987,

Have agreed as follows: