

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COOPERATION**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (the Parties),

RECOGNIZING the importance of strengthening cooperation in emergency management in relation both to natural and man-made incidents, emergencies and disasters;

DESIRING to strengthen cooperation between their two countries so as to be able to more effectively prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate such events;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Consultative Group

1. The Parties shall establish a Canada - United States Consultative Group on Emergency Management Cooperation.
2. The structure, membership and terms of reference of the Consultative Group shall be initially as set forth in Annex A, which does not form an integral part of this Agreement.
3. The Consultative Group shall meet annually or as agreed by the Parties.