AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CUSTOMS MATTERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, hereafter referred to as the "Parties",

CONSIDERING that offences against Customs laws are prejudicial to the security and public health of their respective countries, as well as to their social, cultural, economic, fiscal and commercial interests;

CONSIDERING the importance of accurate assessment of customs duties and other taxes collected on the importation and exportation of goods and of ensuring that their Customs administrations properly apply measures of prohibition, restriction and control;

RECOGNIZING the need for international cooperation in matters related to the administration and enforcement of their Customs laws;

CONSIDERING that illegal trafficking in weapons, explosives, chemical, biological and nuclear substances as well as in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, chemical precursors, endangered species, hazardous goods and other prohibited, regulated or controlled goods, constitutes a danger to public health and society;

CONVINCED that action against Customs offences can be made more effective by close cooperation between their respective Customs administrations;

HAVING REGARD to the relevant instruments of the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization, in particular the Recommendation of the Council on Mutual Administrative Assistance of 5 December 1953;

HAVING REGARD also to international Conventions of which both Parties are members, which set out prohibitions, restrictions and special measures of control in respect of specific goods;

HAVE AGREED as follows: