

NOTING the need to supplement existing information sharing arrangements between them, including the *Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing among the Department of Citizenship and Immigration (CIC) and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and the U.S. Department of State (DOS)*, 27 February 2003 (the “Statement of Mutual Understanding”) and the *Annex Regarding the Sharing of Information on Asylum and Refugee Status Claims to the Statement of Mutual Understanding on Information Sharing between the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) and the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)*, 22 August 2003 (the “Asylum Annex”);

RECOGNIZING the need to establish a mechanism to exchange Information in a manner that respects privacy, civil liberties, and human rights; and,

COMMITTED to advancing their shared vision, as expressed in *Beyond the Border: A Shared Vision for Perimeter Security and Economic Competitiveness*, a joint declaration issued by the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States on 4 February 2011 and in *Beyond the Border Action Plan: Statement of Privacy Principles by Canada and the United States*, issued by Canada and the United States on 30 May 2012;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For purposes of this Agreement,

- (a) “**National of a Third Country**” means a person who is not a citizen of Canada or a permanent resident of Canada or a citizen or national of the United States of America (the “United States”) or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, and includes a person not having a country of nationality.
- (b) “**Query**” means an electronic search process, requiring minimal human intervention, initiated by a Party under the authority of, and for the purposes delineated in, this Agreement, resulting in the exchange of data limited to the data described in the relevant non-legally binding implementing arrangement.