TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Parties" and individually as "Party"),

CONVINCED that the development of bilateral trade in goods and services will contribute to increased mutual understanding and cooperation between the people of Canada and of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

conscious that trade and commercial relations are an important element of bilateral relations between Canada and the Republic of Kazakhstan;

RECOGNIZING that economic restructuring and the switch to a market economy in the Republic of Kazakhstan are creating additional possibilities for the expansion of bilateral trade;

NOTING that the Republic of Kazakhstan has observer status in and Canada is one of the contracting parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT);

REAFFIRMING their desire to further expand commercial relations in accordance with the principles and conditions of the Final Act signed in Helsinki on August 1, 1975 and other documents of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, notably the Document of the Bonn Conference on Economic Cooperation convened in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Concluding Document of the Vienna Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the Declaration on Economic Cooperation between Canada and the Republic of Kazakhstan of July 10, 1992;

REFERRING TO the Long Term Agreement to Facilitate Economic, Industrial, Scientific and Technical Cooperation of July 14, 1976, and the Agreement for the Promotion and Reciprocal Protection of Investments of November 20, 1989;