

ARTICLE 3

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties will promote, encourage and facilitate the development of cooperative and direct contacts between governmental and non-governmental organizations, scientific research and other institutions, business associations and firms of the two countries, including the conclusion of working arrangements in accordance with the present Agreement.

2. The Parties will promote, facilitate and support the development of cooperative and direct contacts and exchanges between provincial (republican), regional and local governments, as well as native groups and organizations, of the Arctic and northern regions of the two countries, based on their own working arrangements in accordance with the present Agreement.

3. To ensure mutually beneficial cooperation, each Party will provide assistance for travel to areas, institutions and organizations of the other country appropriate for the conduct of activities under the present Agreement.

4. Information obtained as a result of cooperation will be accessible to the participants and be transmitted between them as soon as practicable. Such information may be freely used by the participants unless specified otherwise.

5. The cooperation provided for in this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, a Canada-Russia Mixed Commission on Cooperation in the Arctic and the North shall be established. The following organizations will be responsible for supervising the implementation of the Agreement: for the Government of Canada - the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; for the Government of the Russian Federation - the State Committee for Socio-Economic Development of the North.

2. The Mixed Commission will:

- a) promote the development of programmes of cooperation between Canada and the Russian Federation in the Arctic and the North, with respect to the areas specified in the Annex;
- b) review and report on the implementation of the programmes and ensure that the activities approved are properly carried out;
- c) provide general policy directions and management for the Agreement; and
- d) consider proposals for the development of additional fields of cooperation, and amend accordingly the Annex.