

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
REFUGEES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEPLOYING TWO ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED
POLICE OFFICERS TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA**

WHEREAS it is the shared intention of the Government of Canada and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (hereinafter referred to as "UNHCR") to assist the Government of Guinea in ensuring its primary responsibility for maintaining the security of refugees living in camps throughout its territory,

WHEREAS host countries bear primary responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of refugee camps on their territory while the international community can play an important role in helping them meet this responsibility,

WHEREAS the implementation of this Agreement has the full support of the Government of Guinea expressed through its ongoing partnership with UNHCR and reflected within the Protocole d'Accord between the Government of Guinea and UNHCR on the matter of refugee camp security,

WHEREAS the aforementioned partnership is further enhanced through the deployment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers, to UNHCR so as to support UNHCR's internal capacity on refugee security matters in Guinea, and to assist the Guinean Government in its efforts to maintain the civilian and humanitarian character of the refugee camps located throughout its territory,

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers - as part of the UNHCR team - will work alongside with counterparts in the Guinean Mixed Brigade (composed of national officers of the police and gendarmerie) and will provide specialist advice and technical capacity development to assist the development of refugee camp security strategies in Guinea,

WHEREAS the deployment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers to Guinea is the result of a joint country-level assessment by representatives of UNHCR and the Government of Canada, and follows a series of consultations held with the Government of Guinea in the capital Conakry, and in Kissidougou and N' zerekore,

WHEREAS the deployment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers is consistent with UNHCR's goal of fostering "partnership" strategies in refugee protection and assistance, and is viewed as a "pilot project" that supports UNHCR's evolving approach to refugee security,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that close collaboration with the Government of Guinea's National Bureau for the Co-ordination of Refugees (BNCR) is maintained, as is the support of UNHCR at the country and at the Headquarters level,