

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM ON ASSISTANCE
TO THE FILM INDUSTRY**

The Government of Canada

and

The Government of the Kingdom of Belgium,

Considering that it is desirable for their film industries to encourage Canadian and Belgian film co-production and to favour their economic development,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. Films which are co-produced and which qualify under the present Agreement are by right fully entitled to the economic benefits resulting from the provisions concerning the film industry which are in force or from those which may be decreed in each country.

In the following articles of the Agreement, the terms "film co-productions" refer to those which are entitled to economic assistance.

2. These benefits accrue solely to the producer of the country which grants them.

3. The co-production of short films is also authorized. A short film means a film of which the length does not exceed 1,600 meters in 35 millimeter format, or the corresponding length in other formats.

These films must be made within the framework of a balanced financial co-production and shall include the participation of a creative contributor of each of the two countries.

4. Films to be co-produced between the two countries shall be entitled to the economic assistance, provided previous approval is given by the Minister of Communications, for Canada, and by the Minister of Economic Affairs, for Belgium. These representatives of the Executive Power shall be referred to in the present text as the competent Authorities.