AGREEMENT ON FILM AND VIDEO RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Considering that it is desirable to establish a framework for video and film relations and particularly for coproductions;

Conscious that quality coproductions can contribute to the development of the film culture of the film and video industries of both countries as well as to the development of their cultural and economic exchanges;

Convinced that these exchanges will contribute to the enhancement of the relations between the two countries;

Have agreed as follows:

I - COPRODUCTIONS

ARTICLE I

For the purposes of this Agreement, the words "film and video coproduction", refer to projects irrespective of length or format including animation and documentaries, produced either on film, videotape or videodisc, for distribution in theatres, on television, videocassette, videodisc or any other form of distribution.

Coproductions undertaken under the present Agreement must be approved by the following competent authorities:

In Canada: the Minister of Communications.

In the Netherlands: The Production Fund, the Dutch Film Fund, and the Coproduction Fund for Home Broadcasting (COBO)

These coproductions are considered to be national productions by and in each of the two countries. Subject to the national legislation and regulations in force in Canada and the Netherlands coproductions are fully entitled to take advantage of the benefits available to the film and video industries or those that may be decreed in each country. These benefits accrue solely to the producer of the country that grants them. It is up to the competent authorities of both countries to determine who shall be a coproducer in his own country.

ARTICLE II

The benefits of the provision of this Agreement apply only to coproductions undertaken by producers who have good technical organization, sound financial backing and recognized professional standing.