

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
REGARDING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
BETWEEN THEIR CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA and **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties", and in the singular as a "Party",

CONSIDERING the importance of ensuring the accurate assessment of customs duties, taxes and other charges collected on the importation or exportation of goods and a proper implementation of provisions of prohibition, restriction and control by their Customs administrations;

CONSIDERING that contravention of Customs law is detrimental to the economic, fiscal, social, cultural, public health, security and commercial interests of their respective countries;

CONSIDERING that trafficking in weapons, explosives, chemical, biological and nuclear substances as well as in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, hazardous goods and other prohibited, regulated or controlled goods constitutes a danger to public health and to society;

RECOGNISING the increased global concern for the security and facilitation of the international trade supply chain and the Customs Co-operation Council's Resolution of June 2002 to that effect;

RECOGNISING the need for international co-operation in matters related to the application and enforcement of their Customs law;

CONVINCED that efforts to prevent the contravention of Customs law and to achieve greater accuracy in the collection of customs duties would be made more effective by close co-operation between their Customs administrations;