Recognizing that ASEAN is a developing region and that the member countries of ASEAN are seeking to attain economic resilience, the Contracting Parties, in accordance with their laws, regulations and other related directives, agree to endeavour to grant each other the widest facilities for commercial transactions and shall:

 a) take into account, to the extent possible, their respective interests in improving market access for each other's manufactured, semi-manufactured and primary products, as well as the further processing of resources;

 b) cooperate multilaterally and bilaterally in the solution of commercial problems of common interest, including those related to commodities and trade related services;

 c) study, recommend and support trade promotion activities that would encourage ASEAN-Canada trade;

d) encourage the cooperation and participation of Canada in ASEAN regional projects.

## PART III

## **Development Cooperation**

## ARTICLE VII

In order to supplement bilateral agreements and arrangements for intergovernmental cooperation, and in addition to the development cooperation activities described in the other Articles of this Agreement, Canada will cooperate with the member countries of ASEAN and with the private sector to realize regional projects and programmes of a developmental nature designed to promote ASEAN's regional development as proposed by the member countries of ASEAN and agreed to by Canada on the basis of mutually agreed priorities.