Appendix **B**

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN: HER MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF CANADA, represented herein by the Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship), (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister")

AND:

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, a corporation incorporated under <u>The University of Ottawa Act, 1965</u>, chapter 137, Statutes of Ontario, 1965, located in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, acting by and through the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, (hereinafter referred to as the "Centre").

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has established the Court Challenges Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") whose objective is stated in Clause 1 of this Agreement;

WHEREAS the Centre is committed to the attainment of the objective of the Program;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

1.1. The objective of the Program is the clarification of the official language rights guaranteed in section 93 or 133 of the <u>Constitution Act, 1867</u>, or in section 23 of the <u>Manitoba Act, 1870</u>, or in sections 16 to 23 of the <u>Constitution Act, 1982</u>, or parallel constitutional provisions, and the equality rights guaranteed in sections 15 and 28 of the <u>Canadian Charter of Rights</u> <u>and Freedoms</u>, or in which an argument based on section 27 is made in support of arguments based on section 15; this objective being achieved through the provision of financial assistance for test cases of national significance put forward by or on behalf of linguistic minority groups or disadvantaged groups or individuals.