

AGREEMENTS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The instruments below have been undersigned prior to the Africa Trade Strategy 2000 and are not the development of the Strategy.

1. Bilateral and Regional Arrangements TICA/ TECA

The only country in Africa to have a Trade and Investment Agreement with Canada is South Africa.

2. Sectoral Agreements

Canada is a signatory of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) *Agreement on Textiles and Clothing* (ATC). The purpose of this agreement is the progressive elimination of the quantitative restraints (quotas) maintained on imports of textiles and clothing, over a ten-year transition period.

Canada has ATC bilateral agreements with four African countries, members of WTO: Lesotho, Mauritius, South Africa and Swaziland. These countries are subject to import quota restrictions.

Canada has an *Audiovisual Co-Production Agreement* with South Africa that establishes a framework for audiovisual relations and particularly for film, television and video co-productions.

3. Foreign Investment Protection Agreements (FIPA)

The Canadian government initiated a bilateral investment protection agreement program in 1989. From 1990 to 1993, Canada negotiated five Foreign Investment Protection Agreements (FIPAs) in Europe and South America, modeled on the OECD model FIPA.

After 1994, a new Canadian FIPA was developed based on the investment protection standards of the NAFTA investment chapter, and since that time eleven FIPAs have been signed and are in force. One such agreement has been signed with **Egypt** in 1997. Six other FIPAs, including with **South Africa** have been signed but are not yet in force.

4. Memoranda of Understanding

As memoranda of Understanding may be undertaken by different departments of government directly with the department of interest in the African country, it has been extremely difficult to compile the information on these agreements. Most staff could only vaguely indicate that such memoranda existed for their assigned country or countries.

Examples of MOUs include: between the Department of Transportation (Canada) and its counterpart in South Africa; a separate one between **Industry Canada**, the Office Of International Partnerships, Information Highway Applications Branch, and **The Ministry of Education, Government of South Africa** on educational and technological cooperation.