

AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Government of Canada and the Government of the French Republic, hereinafter called the Parties:

In view of the long tradition of co-operation between Canada and France in the economic, technological and scientific fields, achieved with the assistance of academic institutions, government agencies and the private sector in both countries;

Expressing their common desire to enhance their economic presence in each other's country;

Conscious of the contribution that increased co-operation in these fields can generate, especially between the small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) in both countries;

Have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties agree to promote co-operation between Canadian and French businesses, especially SMBs and SMIs, as a means of expanding their bilateral economic relations and intensifying their technological development, especially in new technology sectors.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties agree to support the development of cooperative activities by implementing bilateral programs for economic, industrial and technological cooperation. These programs will provide the businesses of both countries, especially the SMIs and SMBs, with an administrative framework to assist them in working together, namely by identifying potential partners and funding sources and by supporting the research activities that may be required.

ARTICLE 3

In order to achieve this objective, the Parties agree particularly to:

- (1) Identify and collect information on businesses, mainly SMBs and SMIs in each country that might be interested in co-operation with businesses of the other country;