

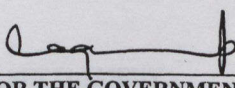
**ARTICLE 21****ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION**

- (1) This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month after the date on which the Parties have notified each other that their legal requirements have been complied with.
- (2) This Agreement shall apply to any requests presented after its entry into force even if the relevant acts or omissions occurred before that date.
- (3) Each of the Parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving notice to the other. In that event the Agreement shall cease to have effect on receipt of that notice. Requests for assistance which have been received prior to termination of the Agreement shall nevertheless be processed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement as if the Agreement were still in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Hong Kong, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2001,  
in two copies, in English, French and Chinese, each text being equally authentic.

  
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF CANADA

  
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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGION