

# I OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

## ARTICLE 1

### *Objectives*

1. The Parties hereby establish a free trade area in accordance with this Agreement.
2. The objectives of this Agreement are:
  - (a) to promote, through the expansion of reciprocal trade, the harmonious development of the economic relations between Canada and the EFTA States and thus to foster in Canada and in the EFTA States the advancement of economic activity;
  - (b) to provide fair conditions of competition affecting trade between the Parties;
  - (c) to establish a framework for further co-operation between Canada and the EFTA States in the light of developments in international economic relations, in particular with the aim of liberalising trade in services and increasing investment opportunities; and
  - (d) to contribute in this way, by the removal of barriers to trade, to the harmonious development and expansion of world trade.