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COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND VENEZUELA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today the signing of a Cooperation Agreement with Venezuela. The Agreement was signed in Ottawa by Dr. MacGuigan and by His Excellency Francisco Paparoni, Ambassador of Venezuela in Canada.

The Agreement recognizes the importance of the traditionally friendly links between Canada and Venezuela and is aimed at encouraging the development of cooperation in the cultural, economic and technological fields.

In order to further the Agreement's general objectives, evaluate activities undertaken within its parameters, and provide a forum for high-level discussion of matters of mutual interest, the Agreement creates a Consultative Committee which will meet every two years, and which will be co-chaired by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the two countries or their designated representatives.

The Agreement envisages the conclusion of further agreements of a more specific nature in fields where the two countries wish to promote further cooperation.