AGREEMENT ON FILM AND VIDEO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND

The Government of Canada and the Government of New Zealand (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

CONSIDERING that it is desirable to establish a framework for audiovisual relations and particularly for film and video co-productions;

CONSCIOUS that co-productions can contribute to the further expansion of the film and video production industries of both countries as well as to the development of their cultural and economic exchanges;

CONVINCED that these exchanges will contribute to the enhancement of relations between the two countries:

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. For the purpose of this Agreement, a "co-production" is a project irrespective of length or format including animation and documentaries, produced either on film, videotape or videodisc, for distribution in theatres, on television, videocassette, videodisc or any other form of distribution approved by the following competent authorities;

In Canada: the Minister of Communications; and

In New Zealand: the New Zealand Film Commission.

- 2. Every co-production under this Agreement shall be subject to the laws and regulations in force respectively in New Zealand and in Canada.
- 3. The Parties agree to cooperate with each other with respect to co-productions in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the annex herein.
- 4. Co-productions shall be considered to be national productions in the two countries and, subject to the laws in force in either country, shall be entitled to all the benefits which are or may be accorded in New Zealand and Canada respectively to national productions.