EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of France, respecting each others judicial institutions and convinced of the need to strengthen cooperation between the two States in the suppression of crime by signing a Treaty for the extradition of persons charged with or convicted of an offence, have agreed as follows:

Article 1 - DUTY TO EXTRADITE

- 1. Each Contracting State agrees to extradite to the other, in accordance with the provisions of this Treaty, any person found within its territory who is charged with an offence or sought for the purpose of imposition or execution of a sentence by the authorities of the other State.
- The provisions of this Treaty shall not affect the obligations of either Contracting State under any multilateral agreements to which it is a party.

Article 2 - CONDUCT GIVING RISE TO EXTRADITION

- 1. Extradition shall be granted for conduct which, under the legislation of both States, constitutes an offence punishable by a term of imprisonment of at least two years. In addition, where a sentence of imprisonment has been imposed by the courts of the requesting State, the portion of the sentence that remains to be served must be at least six months.
- 2. If the request for extradition relates to a number of offences, each of which is punishable under the laws of both States, but some of which do not meet the requirements of paragraph 1 of this Article, the requested State may also grant extradition for such offences.

Article 3 - EXTRADITION OF NATIONALS

- The requested State shall not be bound to extradite its own nationals. Nationality shall be determined as of the date of the offence for which extradition is requested.
- 2. If the request for extradition is refused solely because the person sought has the nationality of the requested State, that State shall, at the request of the requesting State, refer the matter to its competent authorities for prosecution. For this purpose, the files, documents and exhibits relating to the offence shall be transmitted to the requested State. That State shall inform the requesting State of the action taken on its request.