

## FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Council of the European Communities, on behalf of the European Economic Community, and the Commission of the European Communities, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part; and the Government of Canada, of the other part;

INSPIRED by the common heritage, special affinity and shared aspirations which unite Canada and the countries of the European Communities;

RECOGNIZING that Canada and the European Communities desire to establish a direct link with each other which will support, complement and extend co-operation between Canada and the Member States of the European Communities;

RESOLVED to consolidate, deepen and diversify their commercial and economic relations to the full extent of their growing capacity to meet each others requirements on the basis of mutual benefit;

CONSCIOUS of the already substantial flow of trade between Canada and the European Communities;

MINDFUL that the more dynamic trade relationship which both Canada and the European Communities desire calls for close co-operation across the whole range of commercial and economic endeavour;

PERSUADED that such co-operation should be realized in evolutionary and pragmatic fashion, as their policies develop;

DESIRING furthermore to strengthen their relations and to contribute together to international economic co-operation;

HAVE decided to conclude a Framework Agreement for commercial and economic co-operation between Canada of the one part and the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community of the other part; and to this end have designated as their plenipotentiaries:

The Council and the Commission of the European Communities

Mr. Max Van der Stoel  
President of the Council of the  
European Communities

Sir Christopher Soames  
Vice President of the Commission of  
the European Communities

The Government of Canada

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen  
Secretary of State for External Affairs

WHO, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form,