

- *promoting* higher living standards as productivity increases;
- *encouraging* consultation and dialogue between labour, business and government;
- *fostering* investment with due regard for the importance of labour laws and principles;
- *encouraging* employers and employees in each country to comply with labour laws and to work together in maintaining a progressive, fair, safe and healthy working environment;

BUILDING on existing institutions and mechanisms in Canada and Chile to achieve the preceding economic and social goals;

CONVINCED of the benefits to be gained from further cooperation between them on labour matters; and

DESIRING to facilitate the accession of Chile to the *North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation*;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

PART ONE

OBJECTIVES

Article 1: Objectives

The objectives of this Agreement are to:

- (a) improve working conditions and living standards in each Party's territory;
- (b) promote, to the maximum extent possible, the labour principles set out in Annex 1;
- (c) encourage cooperation to promote innovation and rising levels of productivity and quality;
- (d) encourage publication and exchange of information, data development and coordination, and joint studies to enhance mutually beneficial understanding of the laws and institutions governing labour in each Party's territory;
- (e) pursue cooperative labour-related activities on the basis of mutual benefit;
- (f) promote compliance with, and effective enforcement by each Party of, its labour law; and
- (g) foster transparency in the administration of labour law.