

AGREED MINUTE**between Canada and the European Community concerning the signing of the Agreement on international humane trapping standards**

CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

NOTING their desire to sign the Agreement on international humane trapping standards (the Agreement), set out in the Annex to this Minute, between Canada, the European Community and the Russian Federation in its authenticated version,

RECOGNISING the invaluable contribution of the Russian Federation to the trilateral negotiations and the successful conclusion of the Agreement, and

CONVINCED that it is necessary to apply the Agreement as soon as possible between Canada and the European Community,

DESIRING the participation, at the earliest possible date, of the Russian Federation as a Party to the Agreement,

HEREBY:

INVITE the Russian Federation to sign the Agreement at its earliest convenience, and

AGREE that

- pending its entry into force between the three parties, the Agreement will apply between Canada and the European Community on a bilateral basis as from a date to be agreed between them within a period of 30 days following the date of deposit of the instruments of ratification, conclusion or adoption of Canada and the European Community,
- the Russian version of the Agreement will be authentic only as from the date of the entry into force of the Agreement between the three parties.

Done at Brussels, in English, 15 December 1997, in two originals.

For the European Community



For the Government of Canada

