

THIS AGREEMENT made the 25th day of May, 1971,

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF
THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA

and

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN THE RIGHT OF
THE PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
AS REPRESENTED BY THE PREMIER OF THE PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

WHEREAS the Premiers of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are unanimous in their desire to promote unity of purpose among their respective Governments;

AND WHEREAS they wish to take steps to improve communication between their respective Governments and agencies thereof;

AND WHEREAS the said Provinces wish to establish the framework for joint undertakings;

AND WHEREAS at a meeting of the Premiers of the said Provinces held at Halifax on the 26th day of January, 1971, it was agreed to establish the Council of Maritime Premiers;

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL OF MARITIME PREMIERS

- 1.01 There is hereby established the Council of Maritime Premiers, herein referred to as the "Council".
- 1.02 The Council shall consist of the persons from time to time holding the offices of the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick, the Premier of the Province of Nova Scotia and the Premier of the Province of Prince Edward Island.
- 1.03 The functions of the Council shall include:
- (a) discussion of matters of importance to the three Provinces;
 - (b) initiation of studies on economic, social and cultural programs and policies which affect or concern the Maritime Provinces;
 - (c) coordination of public policies which affect or concern the Maritime Provinces;
 - (d) approval of joint submissions of the Maritime Provinces to the Government of Canada or any agencies thereof;
 - (e) initiation and sustaining of joint programs of the three Provinces;
 - (f) power to constitute a Maritime Provinces Commission, to define its duties and functions, and to appoint the members thereof.

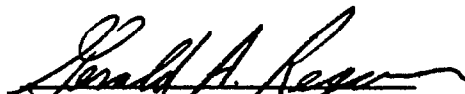
- 1.04 The Chairmanship of the Council shall rotate among the three Premiers in each calendar year as the Council may determine from time to time.
- 1.05 The Council shall meet at least four times in each calendar year and may meet more frequently by agreement of the three Premiers.
- 1.06 The site of the meetings of the Council shall rotate among the three Provinces.
- 1.07 Decisions of the Council require unanimous consent of the members.
- 1.08.1 The fiscal year of the Council shall be from April 1st to the following March 31st.
- 1.08.2 The Council shall prepare an annual budget for its activities and operations and each Premier shall present it to the Government of his Province for approval.
- 1.08.3 Each Province shall contribute to the agreed budget amount on a proportionate basis by population as determined by the most recent population census undertaken by the Government of Canada.
- 1.09 Subject to paragraph 1.08, the Council shall employ such staff as it considers necessary for the proper functioning of the Council.
- 1.10 The Council shall have authority to appoint committees for the purpose of studying and reporting to the Council on specified subjects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Premiers of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have executed these presents on behalf of the respective Provinces on the day and year first written above in the City of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in the right of
the Province of New Brunswick
as represented by


The Honourable Richard B. Hatfield

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in the right of
the Province of Nova Scotia
as represented by


The Honourable Gerald A. Regan

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in the right of
the Province of Prince Edward Island
as represented by


The Honourable Alexander B. Campbell