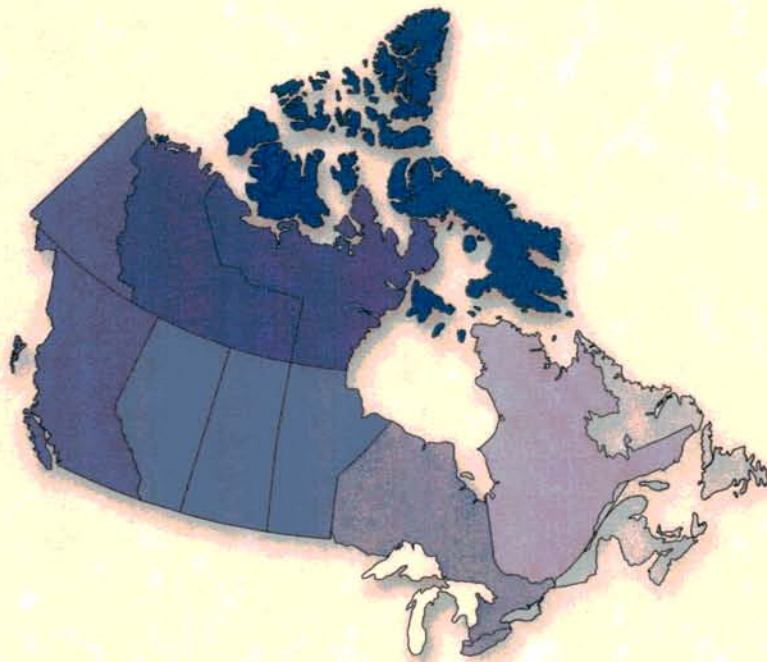


A Declaration regarding the Agreement on Internal Trade



January 16, 2009

A DECLARATION REGARDING THE AGREEMENT ON INTERNAL TRADE

WHEREAS First Ministers affirm the importance of trade between the provinces and territories to Canada's economic prosperity and strengthening its domestic marketplace;

WHEREAS First Ministers share a collective commitment to strengthen domestic trade;

WHEREAS First Ministers reaffirm the critical importance of a stronger and more effective Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT);

WHEREAS the Council of the Federation adopted in 2007 a five-point plan on internal trade that includes full labour mobility and an enhanced dispute resolution mechanism;

WHEREAS First Ministers agree that strong labour market participation and full labour mobility is vital to Canada's economic growth;

WHEREAS First Ministers agree that an enhanced and effective dispute resolution mechanism, including the use of monetary penalties, is vital to encouraging compliance with the AIT and enforcing dispute panel recommendations for government-to-government disputes;

The signatories **representing Parties to the Agreement on Internal Trade** hereby indicate their endorsement of the 9th and 10th Protocols of Amendment of the AIT.

The signatory of the **Government of Nunavut** hereby indicates its commitment to consider the 9th and 10th Protocols of Amendment as part of its negotiation with AIT Parties of accession to the AIT.

NINTH PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT: LABOUR MOBILITY (CHAPTER 7)

The revised Labour Mobility Chapter of the AIT will enable any worker certified for an occupation by a regulatory authority of one Party to be recognized as qualified to practise that occupation by all other Parties. Any exceptions to full labour mobility would have to be clearly identified and justified as required to meet a legitimate public policy objective such as public security and safety.

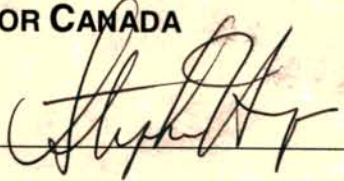
TENTH PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT: DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM (CHAPTER 17)

The revised government-to-government dispute resolution mechanism of the AIT will, among other things, provide for monetary penalties of up to \$5 million depending on the size of the jurisdiction and suspension of dispute resolution privileges.

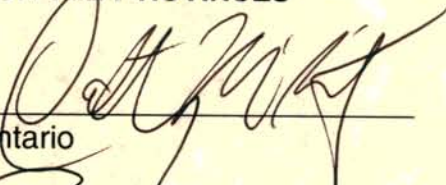
These amendments will come into force upon execution by all ministers responsible for internal trade once duly authorized by our respective governments.

Signed at Ottawa,
this 16th day of January, 2009.

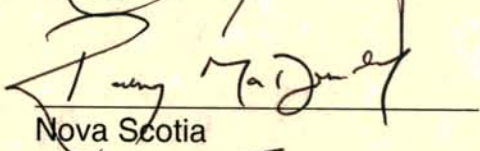
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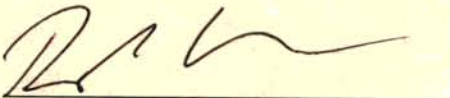
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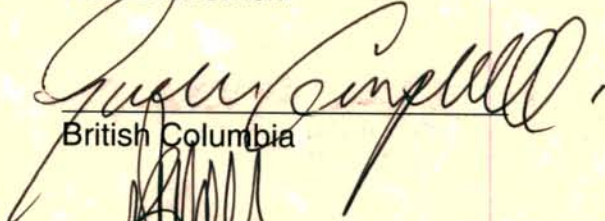
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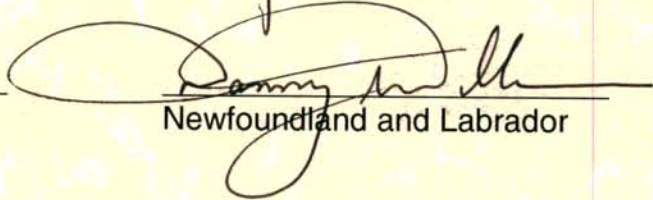
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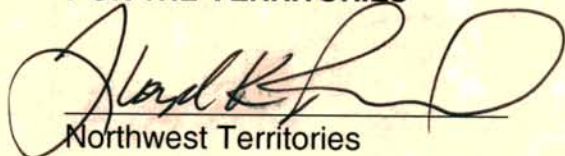


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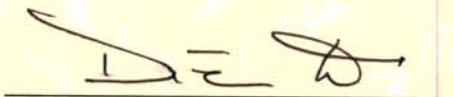


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