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**AGREEMENT** 

BETWEEN

**CANADA** 

AND

SPAIN

### ON YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAMS

CANADA and SPAIN, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties".

**ANXIOUS** to promote close co-operation between their countries;

WISHING to encourage youth mobility as well as cooperation and partnership between the two countries; and to strengthen the excellence of educational institutions and the competitiveness of businesses in the two countries, particularly small and medium businesses:

WISHING to develop the opportunity for young citizens from both countries to gain work experience related to their area of expertise; to complement their post-secondary training with an internship; or to improve their knowledge of the languages, culture and society of the other country, thereby promoting mutual understanding between the two countries;

**CONVINCED** of the value of facilitating youth mobility;

**HAVE AGREED** on the following provisions:

#### ARTICLE 1

The two Parties agree to facilitate the administrative procedures applicable to the entry and stay in their territory for citizens from the other country who wish to gain work experience related to their area of expertise; to complement their post-secondary training with an internship; or to improve their knowledge of the languages, culture and society of that country.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

The purpose of this Agreement is to benefit the following categories of citizens:

- (a) young post-secondary graduates who wish to obtain additional training in the other country under a pre-arranged contract of employment in order to contribute to their professional development;
- (b) registered students of a post-secondary institution in their home country who wish to complete part of their academic training through a prearranged internship at an institution in the other country, including under inter-institution agreements;
- (c) young citizens wishing to obtain additional training in the other country under a pre-arranged contract of employment in order to contribute to their professional development;
- (d) registered students of a post-secondary institution in their home country who plan to travel to the other country during academic vacations and who wish to work on a casual basis in order to increase their financial resources:
- (e) young citizens who plan to travel to the other country and who wish to work on a casual basis in order to increase their financial resources or to do volunteer work.

### ARTICLE 3

- 1. In order to benefit from the application of this Agreement, young citizens from either country who fall into one of the categories referred to in Article 2 should:
  - (a) meet the conditions imposed by Canadian and Spanish immigration laws and regulations, in particular the conditions applicable to admission to the country, including the conditions listed under paragraphs (b) to (g) below, regardless of the status of the national employment market in the host country;
  - (b) be between the ages of 18 and 35 years inclusively on the date the application is submitted;
  - be a Canadian citizen, hold a valid Canadian passport and reside in Canada, or be a Spanish citizen, hold a valid Spanish passport and reside in Spain;
  - (d) hold or have sufficient resources to purchase a return ticket and have the financial resources needed to support themselves at the beginning of their stay, such financial resources to be determined by the Parties, in accordance with their respective legislation, through an exchange of diplomatic notes;
  - (e) before entering the other Party's territory, agree to purchase medical insurance, including hospitalization and repatriation, for the full period of their authorized stay;
  - (f) pay applicable duties and taxes; and

- (g) as the case may be:
  - show that they have obtained a pre-arranged contract of employment; or
  - (ii) provide documents proving registration in a post-secondary institution in their home country and that they have obtained a prearranged internship; or
  - (iii) provide documents proving registration in a post-secondary institution and confirm their plan to vacation in the territory of the other Party and possibly work on a casual basis in order to increase their financial resources; or
  - (iv) confirm their plan to vacation in the territory of the other Party and possibly work on a casual basis in order to increase their financial resources.
- 2. Qualified citizens may benefit twice from the application of this Agreement under two different categories among those set out in Article 2. The period of each stay may not exceed one year. In all cases, there shall be a minimum three-month period between the two stays.

#### ARTICLE 4

- 1. Subject to public interest considerations, each Party shall issue to qualified citizens of the other country a document allowing them to enter its territory for a predetermined period, stating the reason for the stay. With regard to Canada, that document shall be a letter of introduction and for Spain, that document shall be the relevant visa referring to this Agreement.
- The entry documents referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be issued to qualified citizens through the diplomatic or consular mission of the other Party where the application was submitted.