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[ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS]

GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines
(hereinafter referred to as the Government of St. Vincent)
and the Government of Canada,

Wishing to strengthen the existing cordial
relations between the two countries and their peoples, and

Moved by the desire to foster development
cooperation between the two countries in conformity with the
objectives of economic and social development of the
Government of St. Vincent,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of Canada and the Government of
St. Vincent shall promote a programme of development
cooperation, between their two countries, consisting of one
or more of the following components:

- (a) the sending of appraisal, evaluation, and audit
missions to St. Vincent, to analyse development
projects;
- (b) the granting of scholarships and training awards to
citizens of St. Vincent for studies and professional
training in Canada, St. Vincent, or a third country;
- (c) the assignment of Canadian experts, advisors, and other
specialists required for the successful execution of
development projects in St. Vincent;
- (d) the provision of equipment, materials, supplies, goods,
and services required for the successful execution of
development projects in St. Vincent;
- (e) the elaboration of studies and projects designed to
contribute to the economic and social development of
St. Vincent;
- (f) the planning and execution of development projects in
St. Vincent by Canadian non-governmental organizations;
- (g) the planning and implementation of projects, regional
in nature, designed to contribute to the economic and
social development of the Commonwealth Caribbean; and
- (h) the provision of any other form of assistance which may
be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE II

- (a) In support of the objectives of this Agreement, the
Government of Canada may conclude subsidiary
arrangements or loan agreements with the Government of
St. Vincent in respect of specific projects involving
one or several components of the programme described in

Article I of this Agreement, except projects referred to in paragraphs (f) and (g) of Article I. For those projects referred to in paragraphs (f) and (g) of Article I of this Agreement, the Government of Canada may enter into financing agreements or arrangements directly with Canadian non-governmental organizations or with other governments, regional organizations or institutions of the Commonwealth Caribbean.

- (b) Unless otherwise stated, subsidiary arrangements concerning grants or contributions from the Government of Canada shall be considered as administrative arrangements.
- (c) Loan Agreements shall be formal agreements between the parties and shall bind them under international law.
- (d) Subsidiary arrangements and loan agreements shall make specific reference to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

For the purpose of this Agreement:

- (a) "Canadian organizations" means Canadian or other non-St. Vincentian firms, institutions or non-governmental organizations engaged on a particular project;
- (b) "Canadian personnel" means Canadians or non-St. Vincentians, or other non-permanent residents of St. Vincent, working in St. Vincent on a particular project;
- (c) "dependent" means the spouse of a member of the Canadian personnel, the child of said member, or of the spouse of said member, or any other person recognized as a dependent in Canada; and
- (d) "project" means any Canadian cooperation project which falls within the purview of the cooperation programme described in Article I and which receives funding from the Government of Canada.

ARTICLE IV

The Government of St. Vincent shall indemnify and save harmless the Government of Canada, Canadian organizations, and Canadian personnel from civil liability for acts or omissions occurring in the course of performance or execution of a project, except where such acts result from wilful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel.

ARTICLE V

The Government of St. Vincent shall facilitate the repatriation of Canadian personnel, and of their dependents in cases where, in the opinion of the Government of Canada or the Government of St. Vincent, the life or safety of said personnel and of their dependents is endangered.

ARTICLE VI

The Government of St. Vincent shall exempt Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel, including their dependents, from all resident and local personal taxes and levies, including taxes on the person such as departure and travel taxes, and taxes imposed on personal income, whether such income arises outside of St. Vincent, or from Canadian aid funds paid within St. Vincent, or allowances paid to them by the Government of St. Vincent, as provided in this Agreement, any subsidiary arrangement, or any loan agreement. In addition, the Government of St. Vincent shall exempt Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel, including their dependents, from any obligation to present written declarations in relations to these exemptions.

ARTICLE VII

The Government of St. Vincent shall exempt Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel, including their dependents, from import duties, customs tariffs, and all other duties, taxes, charges, or levies on technical and professional equipment imported into St. Vincent in the course of a project of development cooperation, and on new or used personal and domestic effects (including household electrical appliances) imported into St. Vincent, within six (6) months of the arrival in St. Vincent of the Canadian personnel and of their dependents, subject to the re-exportation or to the termination of the useful life of such effects, or to the disposition of the same to persons enjoying similar exemptions. However, in the event of fire or theft, or the termination of the useful life of such effects, this privilege may be re-exercised at any time during the assignment period.

ARTICLE VIII

Each member of the Canadian personnel may import or export, free of any import duties, customs tariffs, sales and purchase tax and any other duties, taxes or charges, one (1) motor vehicle for personal use, subject to such import being made within (6) months of the arrival in St. Vincent of the personnel. This privilege may also be exercised every two (2) years from the date when it is first granted.

However, in the event of fire, theft, accident, or act of God, causing major damage to the motor vehicle, this privilege may be re-exercised at any time during the assignment period. The sale or disposal of such a motor vehicle shall be subject to the regulations governing the sale or disposal of motor vehicles of officials of international organizations who are posted in St. Vincent.

ARTICLE IX

The Government of St. Vincent shall exempt Canadian personnel and their dependents from import duties, customs tariffs, and other duties or taxes on prescription eyeglasses, especially prescribed medicine and special health foods for their personal use throughout the period of assignment.

ARTICLE X

The Government of St. Vincent shall exempt funds, technical and professional equipment, products, materials, supplies and any other goods imported into St. Vincent for, or related to a project, from all taxes, import duties, customs, bond, and all other levies.

ARTICLE XI

The Government of St. Vincent shall grant to Canadian organizations and personnel, facilities for the opening and maintenance of an external account in any commercial bank in St. Vincent, and the balance on such an account shall be freely transferable into any other currency, and shall be free from restrictions, official charges or levies in respect of exportation.

ARTICLE XII

The Government of St. Vincent shall inform Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel of the local laws and regulations which may concern them in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE XIII

The Government of St. Vincent shall in a timely manner provide without cost:

- (a) all permits, licences and other documents, necessary to enable Canadian organizations and Canadian personnel to carry out their respective functions;