

## AGREEMENT ON MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS

### U.S. NAO SUBMISSION NO. 9601

The Secretary of Labor of the United States and the Secretary of Labor and Social Welfare of Mexico, in accordance with the provisions of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC), agree to undertake consultations regarding the relationship between international treaties and constitutional and legal provisions on freedom of association in Mexico and the United States. With full respect for the national sovereignty of the two countries and in the fullest spirit of cooperation among the Parties to the NAALC, and desiring to build on their existing international commitments, the two governments have reached the following agreement:

1. Pursuant to Article 22 (3) of the NAALC, the National Administrative Offices of the United States and Mexico will exchange sufficient publicly available information to contribute to a better understanding of the labor legislation of each country that is the subject of this consultation.
2. Each National Administrative Office will provide to the other National Administrative Office information on the labor legislation that is the focus of the exchange, in accordance with Paragraph 1.
3. The National Administrative Offices will organize a conference on the relationship between international treaties and constitutional provisions in the United States and Mexico, in accordance with the appended agenda. Canada will be invited to participate.
4. The National Administrative Offices will report the results of the exchange of information and conference to the respective Secretaries of Labor upon completion.

Agreed to and effective on September 3, 1997.

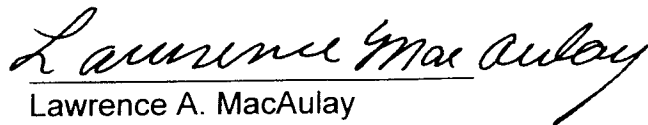


Alexis M. Herman  
Secretary of Labor  
United States of America



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Secretario del Trabajo y Previsión Social  
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The Government of Canada endorses the Agreement on Ministerial Consultations and agrees to participate in the exchange of information and conference agreed to by the United States and Mexico.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence MacAulay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lawrence A. MacAulay  
Minister of Labour  
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