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**HABITAT**

United Nations Conference  
on Human Settlements  
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ATTACHED ARE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND CANADA FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Dr. Kenny  
President  
University of British Columbia

Dear Dr. Kenny:

The production of over two hundred films for HABITAT: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, has created an unusual opportunity to establish the nucleus of a global information network in the form of an audio-visual Information Centre on Human Settlements. Such a network will be one of the most immediate benefits of HABITAT.

It is vital to the long term success of such a centre that the unique collection of audio-visual material brought together at HABITAT, not be dispersed at the end of the Conference, but rather held together in one place where this considerable resource can be properly stored, expanded and distributed.

It is therefore with great satisfaction that we note your agreement with the United Nations, whereby the University's Centre for Human Settlements will provide a service to the U.N. in the form of a U.N. Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements for an interim period up to Dec. 31, 1976 and also, if approved by the General Assembly, for a further five years.

The Province of British Columbia in agreeing to support the Centre by sharing with the University the operating and capital costs for the period up to a maximum of \$3 million has gone a long way to ensuring that the benefits accruing from HABITAT are preserved and augmented.

By this letter, on behalf of the Government of Canada and with the approval of the Treasury Board, we are pleased to offer additional support to the Centre through the provision of an annual grant matching the combined resources applied by the University and British Columbia.

This matching grant to a total of \$3 million will apply through the period of the interim agreement with the United Nations and for a further period of up to five years or while both the agreements between the University and British Columbia and the United Nations remain in force.

Determination of the matching grant in each year shall be dependent on an annual audit made available to the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.

The University shall notify Canada and British Columbia by 1 September of each year the budget proposed for the following year with a forecast for the remaining years of the Agreement.

The Department responsible for Canada is the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs.

Canada, in undertaking this support to the Centre, is emphasizing the importance attached to the successful outcome of HABITAT and a confidence that the University can make a significant contribution to a program of global importance.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. D. Kenny  
President  
University of  
British Columbia

Hon. Barney Danson  
Minister of State  
for Urban Affairs

Hon. Ron Basford  
Minister of Justice  
and Attorney General



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Dr. Douglas Kenny, President  
University of British Columbia  
2075 Westbrook Place  
Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5

Dear Dr. Kenny:

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, and in particular, the Minister of Education, I would like to congratulate the University on the establishment of the Centre for Human Settlements. The presence of a centre, engaged in sharing of information on human settlements on a global basis, in British Columbia, Canada, is a development in which we can take satisfaction.

The Government of British Columbia welcomes the equal participation of the federal government in funding the Centre. On the capital account, the Minister of Education assures me that the funds you request for temperature, humidity and dust control, and additional space within and adjacent to the Woodward Library and Instructional Resources Centre, will be approved directly by his department on a priority basis over each of the five years of the contract to be proposed by HABITAT. In addition, Deputy Minister, Dr. Walter Hardwick, will explore with you a possible role for the production staff of the Provincial Educational Media Centre in meeting the service needs of the United Nations and the global network.

It is understood that operating costs will be met internally by the University.

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Dr. Douglas Kenny

June 11, 1976

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As the representative of British Columbia on the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference, it was my pleasant duty to advance the Centre, and I can assure you this was done with the support of the Government of British Columbia.

Sincerely

Hugh A. Curtis  
Minister

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For the University of British Columbia

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Whereas the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, meeting in Vancouver, B.C. (31 May - 11 June 1976) has gathered together a collection of audio-visual and written materials on human settlements which it is desired to preserve and put to wider use following the conclusion of the Conference and

Whereas the said Conference, by Resolution approved on June 1976 has recommended that the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its 31st session, decide to establish an Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements for the purpose of ensuring the preservation and proper utilization of the aforementioned materials; and

Whereas the Government of Canada has transmitted an offer, on behalf of the University of British Columbia, located in Vancouver B.C., Canada, to act as the custodian and manager of the proposed Centre, under an agreement to be negotiated with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and

Whereas the Conference, by the same Resolution, has recommended to the General Assembly that it accept the offer and authorize the Secretary-General of the United Nations to enter into an appropriate agreement with the University and

Whereas the Conference in the meantime has by the same Resolution authorized the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make interim arrangements with the University for the temporary custody, preservation, management of the aforesaid collection pending a final decision by the General Assembly on the aforementioned Recommendations,

Now therefore the Secretary-General of the United Nations thereafter referred to as the Secretary-General and the University of British Columbia (hereafter referred to as the University) hereby agree as follows:



1. The Secretary-General shall transfer to the University and to its Centre for Human Settlements (hereafter referred to as the Centre) all audio-visual and written materials on human settlements prepared and assembled for on account of the Conference which have been or may in future be placed in his possession for purposes of the Conference and its subsequent follow-up activities.
2. The University, through the Centre, shall accept and act as the temporary custodian of the aforesaid materials and shall provide all facilities and services necessary to ensure their preservation and safekeeping during the period of this agreement.
3. During the period of this agreement the Centre is authorized to carry out the necessary tasks relating to the orderly arrangement of the aforesaid materials, such as indexing, cataloguing, copying, preparation of digests, etc..., to whatever extent it considers desirable. All materials resulting from the performance of such tasks shall be added to and form part of the collection. The Centre is also authorized to respond to requests from or authorized by the United Nations for copies of particular audio-visual materials (except in cases where international copyright has not been transferred to the United Nations) or generally for access to the material held by the Centre.
4. It is understood that the services provided by the Centre under this agreement will be performed by it as agent of the United Nations.
5. This agreement shall cover the period from the date of signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Secretary-General and of the University until the 31st day of December 1976. On or before the date of its termination, it may be replaced by a continuing agreement authorizing the University, through the Centre, to act as the custodian and manager of the Audio-Visual Information Centre on Human Settlements, in the event that a decision to establish such a Centre and to authorize such a continuing agreement is approved by the United Nations General Assembly.



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In witness whereof the undersigned duly authorized representatives of the Secretary-General and of the University have signed this Agreement.

Done at Vancouver, British Columbia, on 12th June 1976

for the Secretary-General  
of the United Nations

For the University of British Columbia