PLAN OF ACTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF CANADA AND THE MINISTRY OF HEAL TH OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE FOR THE PERIOD 2001-2004

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health of Canada and the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China signed in Ottawa on 14 October, 1995, on the principle that the cooperation and exchange activities will reflect mutual interest, and the cooperation and exchange activities involving government programmes will be given priority, the Department of Health of Canada and the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China (hereafter referred to as "the Parties") have resolved to sign the following Plan of Action for the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004.

1. Main areas of cooperation:

- (1) Health policy
 - -Health and medical

insurance:

- -Regulatory activities;
- -Quality assurance in health care and standards of practice applicable to health disciplines;
- Health sector reform, including the management of health facilities.
- (2) Control and prevention of diseases
 - -Epidemiology;
 - -Disease surveillance;
 - -Cardiovascular diseases, Cancer, Ageing, Osteoporosis and others;
- (3) Health education
 - -Anti-tobacco;
 - -Healthy lifestyle

2. Means of cooperation

- (1) The exchange of personnel on the basis of 10 person/months each year;
- (2) Short term studies;
- (3) Joint workshops and seminars;
- (4) Joint research on agreed subjects

3. Activities

- (1) In 2001, the Parties will send officials to each other's country for up to two weeks to research and identify opportunities for future exchanges;
- (2) Collaboration in the field of <u>osteoporosis</u> will continue;
- (3) A workshop or discussion tour will be held on risk management and priority setting in health.

4. Timetable of cooperation

- (1) In 2001, the Parties will send officials to each other's country to plan future cooperation, assess areas for possible joint activities and exchanges, develop specific cooperation projects and adopt methods to evaluate cooperation activities;
- (2) In 2001 or 2002, a workshop will be organized in Canada on risk management and priority setting in health, and the plan of action on cooperation will be further developed;
- (3) In 2002, a workshop will be organized in China on health regulations and enforcement;
- (4) In the last half of 2004, an evaluation of the cooperation activities will be conducted in China and a cooperation plan for the next period will be drafted.

5. Administrative arrangements for the exchanges of individuals

- (1) The sending country will pay the round trip travel expenses, including inter-city travel in the receiving country;
- (2) The receiving country will cover the costs of accommodation, meals and incidentals, and emergency health services for the visitors in connection with official activities under the Memorandum of Understanding and this Plan of Action.

Signed at OHawa, on 4 September, 2001, in duplicate in English, French and Chinese, all texts being equally authentic.

For the Department of Health of Canada

For the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China