

2. PROCLAMATION	2. DÉCLARATION
<p>The Government of Canada hereby recognizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the importance of the contribution of artists to the cultural, social, economic and political enrichment of Canada; (b) the importance to Canadian society of conferring on artists a status that reflects their primary role in developing and enhancing Canada's artistic and cultural life, and in sustaining Canada's quality of life; (c) the role of the artist, in particular to express the diverse nature of the Canadian way of life and the individual and collective aspirations of Canadians; (d) the artistic creativity is the engine for the growth and prosperity of dynamic cultural industries in Canada; and (e) the importance to artists that they be compensated for the use of their works, including public lending of them. 	<p>Le gouvernement du Canada reconnaît :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) l'importance de la contribution des artistes à l'enrichissement culturel, social, économique et politique du Canada; b) l'importance pour la société canadienne d'accorder aux artistes un statut qui reflète leur rôle de premier plan dans le développement et l'épanouissement de sa vie artistique et culturelle, ainsi que leur apport en ce qui touche la qualité de la vie; c) le rôle des artistes, notamment d'exprimer l'existence collective des Canadiens et Canadiennes dans sa diversité ainsi que leurs aspirations individuelles et collectives; d) la créativité artistique comme moteur du développement et de l'épanouissement d'industries culturelles dynamiques au Canada; e) l'importance pour les artistes de recevoir une indemnisation pour l'utilisation, et notamment le prêt public, de leurs œuvres.

CORRESPONDING SECTIONS:

SAA: 2	CLC: Preamble to Part I	PSLRA: Preamble
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COMMENTARY:

Part I of the CLC is preceded by a "preamble" setting out the policy underlying the industrial relations provisions, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS there is a long tradition in Canada of labour legislation and policy designed for the promotion of the common well-being through the encouragement of free collective bargaining and the constructive settlement of disputes;

AND WHEREAS Canadian workers, trade unions and employers recognize and support freedom of association and free collective bargaining as the bases of effective industrial relations for the determination of good working conditions and sound labour-management relations;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has ratified Convention No. 87 of the International Labour Organization concerning Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize and has assumed international reporting responsibilities in this regard;

AND WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada desires to continue or extend its support to labour and management in their cooperative efforts to develop good relations and constructive collective bargaining practices, and deems the development of good industrial relations to be in the best interests of Canada in ensuring a just share of the fruits of progress to all;

NOW THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows: 1972, c. 18, Preamble.

Such statements of parliamentary intent are often cited by tribunals and courts to explain why they have exercised their discretion in a particular manner.