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Montréal, February 26, 2007 – The Québec Film and Television Council (QFTC) is delighted with the agreement in principle reached between the Alliance québécoise des techniciens de l'image et du son (AQTIS) and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), in accordance with the Association des producteurs de films et de télévision du Québec (APFTQ). This agreement, once it is ratified by the members of both unions, will end the conflict that has lasted nearly a year.

The QFTC wishes to thank Minister Line Beauchamp and Gilles Charland and his team, who were quickly able to find solutions to this dispute. The Bureau also would like to congratulate AQTIS and IATSE for all the efforts they applied to reach this agreement. "Change always requires a large dose of courage, but we firmly and sincerely believe that AQTIS and IATSE have made an enlightened and wise decision, and above all, a decision that will benefit the workers and the Québec film and television industry," declared Hans Fraikin, Film Commissioner of the QFTC. He also specified that the agreement between the two parties only concerns foreign productions filmed in Québec and in no case affects local production.

The QFTC continues to work with determination to reassure foreign producers that no conflict will disrupt their production and that a hospitable business climate has been restored in the industry. The Commissioner will be leaving for Los Angeles shortly and will meet with the producers who recently expressed interest in filming in Québec. Other appointments have also been scheduled with potential customers to secure our reputation as an international production centre. "This settlement will allow us to turn the page and look forward to a promising future in terms of foreign productions coming to Québec," Mr. Fraikin added.

About the QFTC :

The Québec Film and Television Council's mandate (QFTC) is to contribute to the province's development and competitiveness as a world-class film and television production centre. Working in close collaboration with the film and television regional offices, the QFTC is also highly involved in harmonizing and coordinating promotional activities and reception services, as well as in supplying the necessary support for international productions shooting in Quebec. Among its other mandates, the Council promotes the province's various strengths and assets in foreign markets so as to develop interesting new business opportunities and help give rise to major projects that benefit the industry as a whole. Moreover, the QFTC plays a key role in providing information and promoting awareness about the industry to its stakeholders and the general public at large. The Québec Film and Television Council's offices are located in the heart of Old Montreal.

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