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ELEMENTS OF A CANADA/MANITOBA IMMIGRATION PROTOCOL

1. Total annual immigration target for Manitoba – 10,000
2. Build on structure, experience and principles of the existing Provincial Nominee Program.
3. The existing immigration programs operated by Canada all remain in place. The Manitoba agreement is supplemental.
4. Create new “Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement” (Agreement) that permits a new program to be operated by Manitoba under agreed principles and conditions.
5. The ‘Agreement’ will permit Manitoba to select and approve immigrants. Canada will limit its role to health and security plus the facilitation of documents.
6. The ‘Agreement’ will presume certain performance standards for immigrants under this program. These standards may include:
 - No or minimal participation in welfare or similar support
 - A strong record of employment participation after immigration
 - An agreed level of retention in Manitoba or an agreed region
7. Canada will permit conditional immigration where a period of residence is a contractual obligation and can be enforced.
8. Manitoba is free to create structures or agencies to implement the program.
9. Manitoba may apply a fee for service to prospective immigrants under the ‘Agreement’. Manitoba is also free to refund charges or in other ways provide subsidies to prospective immigrants.
10. Additional supplementary Agreements may be created to facilitate opportunity for special categories such as students or other identifiable groups.