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Bill 27

**An Act respecting mainly government
organization as regards the economy
and innovation**

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill proposes to update the organization of certain government departments and bodies responsible for developing and implementing government policies relating to the economy and innovation.

First, the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation is enacted. It specifies the mission and responsibilities of the Minister of Economy and Innovation, particularly as regards international trade, and provides for the department's organization. The provisions relating to the Québec Research Funds and to the Commission de l'éthique en science et en technologie, currently included in the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, are incorporated into the proposed Act.

Next, the Act respecting Investissement Québec is amended to, among other things,

(1) include in Investissement Québec's mission that Investissement Québec must, among other things, participate in Québec's economic development and provide the Minister of Economy and Innovation with the necessary support to implement the policies, development strategies and programs he or she establishes and the other measures he or she takes;

(2) specify the entrepreneur support services Investissement Québec must offer and provide for its regional presence such as by setting up regional development offices and establishing regional development committees;

(3) integrate the mission of Ressources Québec inc., a subsidiary Investissement Québec must dissolve before 1 April 2020, into its provisions;

(4) change the Mining and Hydrocarbon Fund's name to "Natural Resources and Energy Capital Fund" and modify the allocation of the Fund's assets so that the sums credited to the Fund may be used to acquire participations in enterprises that develop or process natural resources or produce, store, transmit or distribute certain energy resources;

(5) establish the Québec Enterprise Growth Fund, a special fund dedicated to supporting enterprises whose principal activities are carried on in Québec and that have a high growth potential or are strategic to Québec's economy; and

(6) increase Investissement Québec's authorized capital fund to \$5,065,000,000.

The Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec is amalgamated with Investissement Québec and the Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec is repealed.

The Act respecting hours and days of admission to commercial establishments is amended to give the Minister of Economy and Innovation the power to authorize, on a request from the Minister of Public Security, that the public be admitted, outside the periods otherwise provided for by law, to commercial establishments situated in or near a disaster area or an area at risk of a disaster.

The Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie's coordinating role with respect to Québec's international action abroad is consolidated. The roles and responsibilities of delegates general, delegates and official representatives abroad are clarified. Also, the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales is amended to provide for the establishment of a liaison committee in which representatives from that department, the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation and Investissement Québec must participate in order to enhance the synergy of Québec's economic actions abroad.

Last, consequential amendments and transitional provisions are included.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);
- Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03);
- Act respecting artistic, literary and scientific competitions (chapter C-51);
- Social Economy Act (chapter E-1.1.1);

- Act respecting hours and days of admission to commercial establishments (chapter H-2.1);
- Taxation Act (chapter I-3);
- Public Infrastructure Act (chapter I-8.3);
- Act respecting Investissement Québec (chapter I-16.0.1);
- Act respecting stuffing and upholstered and stuffed articles (chapter M-5);
- Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1);
- Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1);
- Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter R-8.2);
- Act respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (chapter R-12);
- Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans Act (chapter R-17.0.1);
- Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2);
- Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13).

LEGISLATION REPEALED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec (chapter C-8.1).

LEGISLATION REPLACED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation (chapter M-30.01).

LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THIS BILL:

- Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation*).

REGULATIONS AMENDED BY THIS BILL:

- Règlement sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Nature et technologies (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r.1, French only);
- Règlement numéro 5 sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Santé (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r. 2, French only);
- Règlement sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Société et culture (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r. 3, French only).

Bill 27

AN ACT RESPECTING MAINLY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AS REGARDS THE ECONOMY AND INNOVATION

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAPTER I

ENACTMENT OF THE ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DE L'INNOVATION

1. The Act respecting the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation, the text of which appears in this chapter, is enacted.

“ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ÉCONOMIE ET DE L'INNOVATION

“CHAPTER I

“MINISTER'S MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

“DIVISION I

“GENERAL PROVISIONS

“1. The Minister of Economy and Innovation, appointed under the Executive Power Act (chapter E-18), has the direction of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation.

“2. The Minister's mission is, as regards the economy, to support entrepreneurship, the growth of enterprises and the development of their markets in Québec, elsewhere in Canada or abroad, as well as the growth of investment, in Québec, of capital sourced in Québec, elsewhere in Canada or abroad. The Minister must also see to the implementation of measures aimed at increasing enterprises' productivity in Québec.

The Minister's mission is also, as regards innovation, to contribute, in all circles, to the development of research, especially fundamental and applied research, and of science, innovation and technology, and to help move innovations to the marketplace, in particular when such commercialization fosters enterprises' growth, an increase in their productivity or the development of their markets in Québec, elsewhere in Canada or abroad.

“3. The Minister carries out his or her mission in keeping with the principle of sustainable development by promoting more particularly, in all of Québec’s regions, access to knowledge, job creation, the social economy, development, economic prosperity, social progress, respect for the environment and the achievement of the Government’s climate change objectives. To that end, the Minister fosters synergy between the actions taken by the various players concerned.

“4. The Minister develops economic development objectives and proposes them to the Government. He or she also determines the sectors of the economy in which he or she intends to act as a matter of priority and advises the Government and government departments and bodies on all matters falling within his or her mission, particularly as regards achieving those objectives.

The Minister must, in matters of regional economic development and in all other matters falling within his or her mission, ensure that government actions in Québec and elsewhere are cohesive and concordant and must, to that end, take part in the development of measures and ministerial decisions and give an opinion whenever appropriate.

The Minister must also increase the effectiveness of initiatives relating to those matters by promoting the concordance, simplification and accessibility of entrepreneurship and innovation support services.

“5. The Minister may establish policies, development strategies and programs to ensure the carrying out of his or her mission. Such policies, development strategies and programs must take into account the specific characteristics of the regions concerned.

The Minister may also, to that end, take any other useful measures. He or she may, in particular, provide financial or technical support for the carrying out of actions or projects, subject to the conditions he or she determines within the framework of government policy directions and policies and, in certain cases, with the Government’s authorization.

The Minister is responsible for the sums he or she entrusts to a local authority or to any other organization with which he or she acts in concert within the framework of a measure and may administer the other sums entrusted to him or her to ensure the carrying out of any economic development project or project to support research or innovation.

“6. The Minister is responsible for implementing the policies, development strategies and programs he or she establishes and the other measures he or she takes.

The Minister may, however, entrust the implementation of any and even all such policies, strategies and programs to Investissement Québec, by a mandate given under its constituting Act. The Minister oversees its implementation and coordinates its performance, in collaboration with the government departments and other bodies concerned, when such is the case.

“7. The Minister is responsible for the administration of the Acts assigned to him or her and assumes any other responsibility conferred on him or her by the Government.

“8. In exercising his or her responsibilities, the Minister may, in particular,

(1) obtain from government departments and bodies the information the Minister considers necessary;

(2) enter into agreements with any person, association, partnership or body;

(3) facilitate the development and signing of agreements, particularly between bodies and between government departments and bodies;

(4) enter into agreements, in accordance with the applicable legislative provisions, with a government other than that of Québec or a department or body of such a government, or with an international organization or a body of such an organization; and

(5) conduct or commission research, studies and analyses and make them public.

“9. The Minister may make regulations to

(1) prescribe the fees payable for any act performed or document issued by the Minister; and

(2) prescribe the fees, costs or other compensation payable for the services provided by the Minister.

“10. The Minister tables the department’s annual management report before the National Assembly within four months of the end of the fiscal year or, if the Assembly is not sitting, within 15 days of resumption.

“DIVISION II

“TRADE POLICY AND RELATIONS

“11. In carrying out his or her mission as regards the economy, the Minister must, in particular, foster Québec enterprises’ participation in Canadian internal trade and in international trade.

The Minister is therefore responsible for

(1) developing, negotiating, coordinating and implementing the Government’s trade policy;

(2) planning, organizing and directing the trade-related action of the Government and of its departments and bodies in Canada outside Québec and abroad, and coordinating their activities in Québec;

(3) seeing to the negotiation and implementation of Canadian intergovernmental trade agreements and administering the programs created under such agreements;

(4) seeing to Québec's interests during the negotiation of any international trade agreement and obtaining the compensation and guarantees the Minister considers satisfactory when such an agreement has an impact on Québec's economy;

(5) ensuring and coordinating the implementation in Québec of the agreements referred to in subparagraph 4;

(6) coordinating, organizing and implementing the defence of Québec's interests in trade disputes, subject to the settlement and conduct, by the Attorney General, of all litigation against the State in relation to such a dispute;

(7) collaborating with the government departments and bodies concerned and, if applicable, with other Canadian or foreign governments, in defending the interests referred to in subparagraph 6;

(8) conducting research, studies and analyses on countries and their economic situation to assess opportunities for developing Québec innovations or other Québec products and services in, or exporting them to, those countries, and for promoting foreign investments from those countries in Québec;

(9) providing enterprises and bodies with support, in Québec, elsewhere in Canada and abroad, in enhancing, commercializing and promoting their innovations and their other products and services, in particular through missions, consulting services, internships, trade shows or financial assistance programs, and coordinating the activities of the government departments and bodies concerned; and

(10) providing the Government with opinions, other than those within the purview of the Minister of Justice, on trade agreement compliance when measures, programs or other government interventions are being implemented.

The Minister exercises the responsibilities conferred on him or her by this Act as regards international trade in keeping with the functions and powers of the Minister of International Relations; the Minister must consult with and inform the latter in conducting trade relations and negotiations and must also ensure the participation of the department's representatives in the liaison committee established under section 18.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1).

“12. A deployment plan must be established to coordinate the activities under the Minister’s responsibility as regards international trade and foreign investment prospecting with those under the responsibility of the Minister of International Relations.

The deployment plan must set out or include

(1) the innovations and other products and services as well as the countries, regions and markets to be prioritized;

(2) the sectors to be prioritized as regards foreign investment prospecting;

(3) the specific responsibilities of the delegates general, of the delegates and of the persons in charge of any other form of Québec representation abroad who are posted in the countries to be prioritized;

(4) the ministerial missions planned for each of the years included in the period covered by the plan;

(5) the objectives and targets to be achieved by the expiry of the period covered by the plan;

(6) the human and financial resources allocated to achieving the objectives and targets pursued; and

(7) the performance indicators to be used to measure achievement of the objectives and targets pursued.

“13. The deployment plan is devised by the Minister and the Minister of International Relations; it is integrated into the deployment plan provided for in section 11.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales for Québec’s international action.

The delegates general, the delegates and the persons in charge of any other form of Québec representation abroad must be consulted in relation to the objectives, targets and other components of the plan that concern them.

“14. The Minister may require any government department or any body to produce any document and to disclose any information the Minister considers useful to the exercise of his or her responsibilities in relation to trade disputes.

Despite section 3.8 of the Act respecting the Ministère du Conseil exécutif (chapter M-30), the Minister may, in exercising his or her responsibilities, acting alone and without the approval of the Government, enter into any confidentiality agreement that is a Canadian intergovernmental agreement to which that section applies.

“DIVISION III

“INNOVATION

“15. In carrying out his or her mission as regards innovation, the Minister is responsible for

(1) promoting research, science, innovation and technology and fostering, in those fields, concerted action between the various players, cohesive government action and the expansion of Québec’s influence both elsewhere in Canada and abroad;

(2) contributing, in all segments of the population of Québec, to developing and supporting those fields and to developing and supporting a scientific culture and an innovation culture, as well as to raising the level of scientific achievement;

(3) seeing to the enhancement and quality of research activities and fostering their integrity, in particular by seeking to ensure the coordination and cohesiveness of government departments’ and bodies’ activities in the fields of research and innovation;

(4) contributing to the effectiveness of government initiatives aimed at developing the economy through research-, science-, innovation- or technology-related measures;

(5) supporting academic circles and research centres that contribute to the development of research, science, innovation or technology;

(6) contributing to developing and supporting material and social conditions conducive to collaboration and interactions between persons and enterprises taking part in research as well as to the transfer of their knowledge and the commercialization of the results of such research; and

(7) supporting enterprises during the stages leading up to the commercialization of their innovations.

“CHAPTER II

“ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

“16. The Government appoints a person as Deputy Minister of the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation in accordance with the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

“17. Under the Minister’s direction, the Deputy Minister administers the department.

In addition, the Deputy Minister performs any other function assigned to him or her by the Government or the Minister.

“18. The Deputy Minister has the Minister’s authority in the exercise of his or her functions.

“19. The Deputy Minister may, in writing and to the extent he or she specifies, delegate the exercise of his or her functions under this Act to a public servant or to the holder of a position.

The Deputy Minister may, in the instrument of delegation, authorize the subdelegation of the functions he or she specifies; in such a case, he or she identifies the public servant or holder of a position to whom they may be subdelegated.

“20. The personnel of the department consists of the public servants required for the exercise of the Minister’s responsibilities; they are appointed in accordance with the Public Service Act.

The Minister determines those public servants’ duties if they are not determined by law or by the Government.

“21. The Minister’s or Deputy Minister’s signature gives authority to any document emanating from the department.

No deed, document or writing is binding on the Minister or may be attributed to the Minister unless it is signed by him or her, the Deputy Minister, a member of the personnel of the department or the holder of a position but, in the latter two cases, only to the extent determined by regulation of the Minister.

“22. The Minister may, by regulation and on the conditions he or she determines, allow a signature to be affixed by means of an automatic device or of any other information technology-based process.

“23. A document or reproduction of a document emanating from the department or forming part of its records, signed or certified true by a person referred to in the second paragraph of section 21, is authentic.

“CHAPTER III

“QUÉBEC RESEARCH FUND

“(insert, as provided for in section 81 of this bill, sections 21 to 63 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1) so that they become sections 24 to 66 of this Act)

“CHAPTER IV

“COMMISSION DE L'ÉTHIQUE EN SCIENCE ET EN TECHNOLOGIE

“(insert, as provided for in section 82 of this bill, sections 64 to 77 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1) so that they become sections 67 to 80 of this Act)

“CHAPTER V

“INCORPORATION INTO THIS ACT OF PROVISIONS FROM THE ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR, DE LA RECHERCHE, DE LA SCIENCE ET DE LA TECHNOLOGIE

“**81.** Sections 21 to 63 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1) become sections 24 to 66 of this Act, respectively, after renumbering subdivisions 1 to 5 of Division II of Chapter III of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie as Divisions I to V of Chapter III of this Act and by replacing,

(1) in section 32 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to sections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of that Act by a reference to sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 of this Act;

(2) in section 38 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to section 35 of that Act by a reference to section 38 of this Act;

(3) in section 56 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to section 54 of that Act by a reference to section 57 of this Act;

(4) in section 58 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to section 42 of that Act by a reference to section 45 of this Act;

(5) in section 62 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to section 61 of that Act by a reference to section 64 of this Act;

(6) in section 63 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie, the reference to sections 61 and 62 of that Act by a reference to sections 64 and 65 of this Act.

“82. Sections 64 to 77 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie become sections 67 to 80 of this Act, respectively, after renumbering Divisions I and II of Chapter IV of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie as Divisions I and II of Chapter IV of this Act and after replacing, in section 68, the reference to section 66 by a reference to section 69 of this Act.

“CHAPTER VI

“FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

“83. Unless the context indicates otherwise and with the necessary modifications, in any other Act and in any regulation or other document,

(1) a reference to the Minister or Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade or to the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation is a reference to the Minister or Deputy Minister of Economy and Innovation and to the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation; and

(2) a reference to the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation (chapter M-30.01) or to any of its provisions is a reference to the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*) or to the corresponding provision of that Act.

“84. The Terms and conditions for the signing of certain deeds, documents and writings of the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation (chapter M-30.01, r. 5) remain in force until replaced or repealed by a regulation made under this Act.

“85. This Act replaces the Act respecting the Ministère du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation.”

CHAPTER III

INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC, RESSOURCES QUÉBEC, INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC INTERNATIONAL AND CENTRE DE RECHERCHE INDUSTRIELLE DU QUÉBEC

DIVISION I

AMENDING PROVISIONS

ACT RESPECTING INVESTISSEMENT QUÉBEC

2. Section 4 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec (chapter I-16.0.1) is replaced by the following section:

“4. The priority mission of the Company, as regards its own activities and the administration of financial assistance programs or the carrying out of other mandates, is to actively participate in Québec’s economic development in accordance with the Government’s objectives in that area. The goal of the Company is to stimulate innovation in enterprises and the growth of investments and exports, and to promote high-value added jobs in all regions of Québec.

To carry out its mission, the Company supports the creation and development of enterprises of all sizes through consulting services for entrepreneurs and other support measures, including technology-based measures, and through adapted financial solutions and investments. In doing so, the Company tries to complement its partners’ offerings.

In addition, the mission of the Company includes providing the Minister with the necessary support, in Québec, elsewhere in Canada and abroad, in implementing the policies, development strategies and programs he or she establishes and the other measures he or she takes, in particular as regards trade and foreign investment prospecting.”

3. Section 5 of the Act is amended by inserting the following paragraph after the introductory clause:

“(0.1) provides products and services to support entrepreneurs according to the stage of development of their enterprise;”.

4. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 5:

“5.1. The Company offers its products and services to for-profit enterprises as well as cooperatives and other social economy enterprises; it may also offer them, if it considers it appropriate to do so, to other groups of persons or of assets whose objects fall within the mission of the Company.

“5.2. The Company sets up regional offices in which, in addition to its own products and services, it offers products and services developed at the request and with the financing of municipalities and other local or regional authorities.

The Company may agree to share premises with a minister or government body exercising activities complementary to its own.

“5.3. The Company establishes a development committee in each of the administrative regions in which it sets up an office. If more than one office is set up in a single region, the Company may establish more than one committee. Each development committee is composed of at least five members.

The development committees must promote the development of projects that are likely to increase their region's economic development. They are also responsible for examining, in accordance with the Company's by-laws, the projects submitted to them, for selecting those that, in their opinion, are most likely to promote such development and for recommending to the Company that it make the loan or acquire the participation they consider necessary to support the projects thus selected.

A majority of the members in office constitutes a quorum at any meeting of a committee. A committee member who has an interest in a project which could cause his or her personal interest to conflict with the obligations of his or her office may not participate in the committee's deliberations on the project.

Committee members may not disclose anything revealed to or learned by them in the exercise of their functions."

5. The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 8:

"DIVISION I.1

**"CONSULTING SERVICES, PROJECT MANAGERS AND OTHER
SUPPORT MEASURES**

"8.1. In order to provide entrepreneurs with support to simplify the carrying out of their investment projects or business development projects, the Company determines the range of measures it will offer to meet their needs according to the stage of development of their enterprise.

The following measures must be included:

- (1) strategic advice;
- (2) guidance services and referrals to available resources;
- (3) project management services to assist entrepreneurs in their dealings with government departments and bodies; and
- (4) standardization and certification.

The range of measures offered must also include technological support for

(1) designing, developing, testing or operating equipment, products or processes, and for gathering and disseminating technological and industrial information and data;

(2) helping enterprises implement new technological means, including by enabling them to conduct digital audits or other forms of technological audits; and

(3) helping enterprises commercialize new processes or other technological innovations.

“8.2. The Company maintains an administrative unit referred to as the “Bureau de normalisation du Québec” to offer its range of services relating to standardization and certification.

In addition, the Bureau de normalisation du Québec must carry out any standardization- or certification-related mandate given to it by an Act or a regulation.

“8.3. In addition to the enterprises and groups referred to in section 5.1, the Company may offer its products and services relating to technological support and to standardization and certification to clients of any kind.

“8.4. If an enterprise to which the Company provides products or services expresses the intention to exercise an activity for which it could avail itself of measures administered by a minister or that requires compliance with standards whose application falls under a minister’s responsibility, the Company must refer the enterprise to the minister concerned.

Unless the enterprise objects, the Company must share with the minister concerned the information that it holds in relation to the enterprise and that is useful in helping the enterprise avail itself of those measures or comply with those standards.

The minister concerned processes the requests from enterprises thus referred to him or her and shares with the Company the information that will allow it to improve the products and services it offers to enterprises.

“8.5. Section 65.1 of the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (chapter A-2.1), except its fourth paragraph, applies, with the necessary modifications, to any information relating to an enterprise that is shared by the Company under section 8.4, as if the information were personal information.

“DIVISION I.2

“RESSOURCES QUÉBEC

“8.6. In addition to the other activities it may exercise in pursuing its mission, the Company must

(1) offer financial services and support services to enterprises wishing to develop projects offering an attractive return potential, or large-scale structuring projects that are profitable for Québec, in the fields of natural resource exploration, development or processing or of energy production, storage, transmission or distribution; and

(2) harness the human and financial resources at its disposal to promote investment prospecting, business development and investment in the form of participations or debt obligations in the natural resources and energy sectors.

The Company exercises those activities under the name “Ressources Québec”.

6. Section 10 of the Act is amended by inserting “so that a full financing chain may be established in the various sectors of the economy to ensure financing for enterprises according to their stage of development” at the end of the first paragraph.

7. Section 11 of the Act is repealed.

8. Section 12.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “sector of mineral substances or petroleum resources in the domain of the State” and “Mining and Hydrocarbon” by “natural resources and energy sectors” and “Natural Resources and Energy”, respectively.

9. Section 13 of the Act is amended by inserting “and economic development” after “return on investment” in paragraph 1.

10. Section 14 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“14. The Company makes its investments, under normal conditions of profitability, with due regard for its mission and the economic spinoffs expected, among other things, and in complementarity with its partners, while seeking a long-term average return on its equity that is at least equivalent to the Government’s borrowing rate.”

11. Section 19 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“19. When the Government gives it the mandate to do so, the Company must

(1) grant and administer any one-time financial assistance the Government determines for the realization of projects that are of major economic significance for Québec; and

(2) provide the Minister with the support he or she considers necessary to implement the policies, development strategies, assistance programs and other measures the Minister develops.

The mandate provided for in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph determines the respective functions and responsibilities of the Company and the Minister as well as the measures to ensure the coordination of their activities.”

12. Section 20 of the Act is amended by replacing “business investment, development or financing” by “its mission”.

13. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 20:

“20.1. The Company, in accordance with the mandate given to it by the Government, ensures the conduct of investment prospecting in Canada outside Québec or abroad, assists enterprises in developing their markets there and carries out strategic interventions in accordance with the deployment plan devised under section 13 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*).

The Company carries out that mandate under the name “Investissement Québec International”.

The Company may not set up offices abroad or assign persons there without having obtained the authorization of the Minister of International Relations.

“20.2. A coordination committee is responsible for advising the president and chief executive officer on the implementation of the deployment plan devised under section 13 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*).

“20.3. The coordination committee is composed of at least five members, including

- (1) one member representing the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation;
- (2) one member representing the Ministère des Relations internationales; and
- (3) one member representing the Company.

The Minister appoints the committee members, except the member representing the Ministère des Relations internationales, who is appointed by the Minister of International Relations.

“20.4. The Minister designates the chair of the coordination committee from among the members who represent the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation. The committee chair presides at meetings and sees to the proper operation of the committee. In the case of a tie vote, the chair has a casting vote.

The committee chair is answerable to the Minister for the operation of the committee.

“20.5. The Company must inform the delegates general, the delegates and the persons in charge of any other form of Québec representation abroad as well as the other members concerned among the personnel of the Ministère des Relations internationales of its actions and activities relating to the implementation abroad of the deployment plan devised under section 13 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*).

The Company must participate in the liaison committee established under section 18.1 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1).”

14. Section 21 of the Act is amended

- (1) by inserting “the Minister or” after “by” in the first paragraph;
- (2) by replacing “performance” in the third paragraph by “carrying out”;
- (3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Except for the purposes of section 23, a mandate given by the Minister is considered to be a mandate given to the Company by the Government.”

15. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 21:

“21.1. The Minister may not, in the course of a fiscal year, give the Company a mandate if the sums necessary for the carrying out, in that fiscal year, of all the other mandates the Minister has given the Company exceed the amount determined by the Government.

The Government determines the terms according to which the Minister may give the Company such a mandate.”

16. Section 23 of the Act is amended

(1) by adding the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: “Likewise, the Minister is responsible for the mandates he or she gives the Company and for the revenues and losses of the Economic Development Fund that are attributable to those mandates.”;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(a) by inserting “or, as the case may be, to the Minister” after “to the Government”;

(b) by replacing “the Government gives it” by “ the Government or the Minister gives it”;

(3) by inserting “or, as the case may be, by the Minister” after “Government” in the third paragraph.

17. Section 25 of the Act is amended by replacing “du Développement économique, de l’Innovation et de l’Exportation” in the first paragraph by “de l’Économie et de l’Innovation”.

18. Section 27 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“27. The Government, on the recommendation of the Minister and the Minister of Finance, sets the remuneration it considers reasonable to grant the Company for the administration by the Company of the financial assistance programs the Government develops or designates under this Act, and for the carrying out by the Company of the mandates given to it by the Government, except a mandate referred to in the third paragraph of section 21.

For the purpose of setting that remuneration, the Company sends the Minister, on the date the Minister determines, a report showing, among other things, the amount corresponding to the sums it has allocated to the administration of those financial assistance programs and the carrying out of those mandates. An auditor’s report on the truth and accuracy of the sums so allocated must be attached to the Company’s report. The Company sends a reproduction of the reports, on the same date, to the Minister of Finance.

When setting the Company’s remuneration, the Government takes into account the revenue from the investment of the sums paid to the Company or to one of its subsidiaries under the Regulation respecting the selection of foreign nationals (chapter I-0.2, r. 4).

The Government determines, in the same manner, the other sums allocated to the administration of those financial assistance programs and the carrying out of those mandates that may be debited from the Fund by the Company.

The Government may set the conditions on which that remuneration and those sums may be debited from the Fund. The Minister then ensures compliance with the conditions set by the Government.

The Company debits that remuneration from the Fund.”

19. The heading of subdivision 3 of Division III of Chapter II before section 35.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “*Mining and Hydrocarbon*” by “*Natural Resources and Energy*”.

20. Section 35.1 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“35.1. The Natural Resources and Energy Capital Fund is established within the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation.

The purpose of the Fund is to expand and grow the sums credited to it through investments in participations in enterprises whose principal activity is

(1) the development or processing, in Québec, of natural resources, provided that, as concerns processing, a significant portion of those resources were first developed in Québec by the enterprise or an affiliated enterprise;

(2) the production, storage, transmission and distribution of fuels that, as substitutes for other fuels, including fossil fuels, allow carbon intensity to be reduced;

(3) the production, storage, transmission and distribution of renewable energy or of fossil fuel substitutes, provided that, in the latter case, such substitutes allow greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced or contribute to the clean or hydrogen energy supply in Québec; or

(4) the development, commercialization or implementation of technologies that promote energy transition, innovation or effectiveness, reduce fugitive emissions or make the activities referred to in subparagraph 3 possible.”

21. Section 35.2 of the Act is amended by replacing “the mining of a mineral substance or the production of petroleum” in paragraph 2 by “if a natural resource is a mineral substance or petroleum, the mining of the former or the development of the latter”.

22. Section 35.3 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “the endowment” in paragraph 1 by “the advance”;

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph 2:

“(2.1) the sums transferred to the Fund by the Minister of Finance under section 54 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);”.

23. Section 35.4 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “endowment” by “advance”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The advance does not bear interest and its term, which may exceed 10 years, is determined by the Government.”

24. Section 35.5 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “the endowment referred to” and “mine or process mineral substances or produce petroleum found” by “the advance provided for” and “develop or process natural resources situated”, respectively;

(2) by inserting “, or in enterprises whose principal activity is carried on in that area and is described in subparagraphs 2 to 4 of the second paragraph of section 35.1” at the end.

25. Section 35.6 of the Act is amended by striking out “or one of its subsidiaries designated by it” in the first paragraph.

26. Section 35.7 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting the following paragraph after the first paragraph:

“In addition to the opinions referred to in the first paragraph, an investment project in an enterprise whose activities fall within the mission of another minister must be the object of a favourable opinion from the latter, on the recommendation of the government department under the latter’s responsibility.”;

(2) by replacing “those Ministers” in the third paragraph by “that minister”.

27. Section 35.11 of the Act is replaced by the following section:

“35.11. The Government, on the recommendation of the Minister and the Minister of Finance, sets the remuneration it considers reasonable to grant the Company for the carrying out of the mandate under section 35.6.

For the purpose of setting that remuneration, the Company sends the Minister, on the date the Minister determines, a report showing, among other things, the amount corresponding to the sums it has allocated for the carrying out of that mandate. An auditor’s report on the truth and accuracy of the sums so allocated must be attached to the Company’s report. The Company sends a reproduction of the reports, on the same date, to the Minister of Finance.”

28. Section 35.13 of the Act is amended by replacing “that mines mineral substances or produces petroleum forming part of the domain of the State” in the first paragraph by “whose principal activity is described in the second paragraph of section 35.1”.

29. Section 35.17 of the Act is amended by replacing “and 53, the first paragraph of section 54 and section” in the second paragraph by “, 53 and”.

30. The Act is amended by inserting the following after section 35.17:

“§4. — *Québec Enterprise Growth Fund*

“35.18. The Québec Enterprise Growth Fund is established within the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation.

The purpose of the Fund is to expand and grow the sums credited to it by supporting enterprises whose principal activities are carried on in Québec and that have a high growth potential or are strategic to Québec's economy, by investing in participations in those enterprises or in funds of any juridical form pursuing the same object, other than a special fund within the meaning of section 5.1 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001).

A participation includes the acquisition of a right of ownership in assets but excludes claims that can be converted into participations.

“35.19. An investment of sums credited to the Fund in an enterprise or in another fund is possible only if it is greater than \$5,000,000.

“35.20. The following are credited to the Fund:

(1) the advance transferred to the Fund by the Minister of Finance under section 35.21;

(2) the sums transferred to the Fund by a minister out of the appropriations granted for that purpose by Parliament;

(3) the sums transferred to the Fund by the Minister of Finance under section 54 of the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001);

(4) the gifts, legacies and other contributions paid into the Fund to further the achievement of its objects;

(5) the income and growth resulting from the investment of the sums credited to the Fund; and

(6) the other revenues generated by the sums credited to the Fund.

“35.21. The Minister of Finance transfers to the Fund, out of the sums credited to the general fund and to the extent and on the dates determined by the Government, an advance of \$1,000,000,000.

The advance does not bear interest and its term, which may exceed 10 years, is determined by the Government.

“35.22. Each proposed investment of sums credited to the Fund is subject to authorization by the Minister and to a favourable opinion from the Minister of Finance, acting on the recommendation of the Ministère des Finances.

Apart from the proposed investment of such sums referred to in section 12.1, a proposed investment that would result in an acquisition of control or cause the sums taken out of the Fund and invested in the same enterprise or in affiliated enterprises to exceed \$50,000,000 may not be authorized by that Minister and requires the authorization of the Government.

“35.23. Section 35.6 and sections 35.8 to 35.17 apply to the Fund, with the necessary modifications.

For the purpose of applying those sections to the Fund, the reference to section 35.7 in sections 35.6, 35.8 to 35.10 and 35.13 is replaced by a reference to section 35.22.”

31. Section 36 of the Act is amended by replacing “and the president and chief executive officer” by “, the president and chief executive officer and the Deputy Minister of Economy and Innovation, who is a member of the board by virtue of office”.

32. Section 37 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “and the president and chief executive officer” in the first paragraph by “, the president and chief executive officer and the Deputy Minister of Economy and Innovation”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The profiles referred to in the first paragraph must include, in addition to management experience relevant to the office, entrepreneurial, financial or other expertise in a sector of the economy in which the Minister intends to take act as a matter of priority.”

33. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 54:

“54.1. The Company must, in its by-laws, determine the projects that must be submitted for examination to a development committee established under section 5.3. It must, in its by-laws, specify situations that constitute conflicts of interest and prescribe rules on the disclosure of conflicts of interest by members of such a committee and the other particulars of its framework of operation.”

34. Section 60 of the Act is amended by replacing “\$4,000,000,000” and “4,000,000” in the first paragraph by “\$5,065,000,000” and “5,065,000”, respectively.

35. Section 67 of the Act is amended by replacing “the financial services it provides” by “the products and services it provides”.

36. Section 68 of the Act is amended by replacing “financial services” by “products and services”.

37. Section 69 of the Act is amended by replacing “its range of financial services” in the first paragraph by “the range of products and services it offers to support entrepreneurs, its range of financial services”.

38. Section 77 of the Act is amended by replacing the second paragraph by the following paragraph:

“However, the audit necessary for the auditor’s reports required under sections 27 and 35.11 is conducted by the external auditor appointed by the Company.”

39. Section 167 of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The same applies to an employee who, at the time of his or her transfer to the Company under section 51 of the Act respecting mainly government organization as regards the economy and innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act*), was a permanent public servant.”

40. Section 182 of the Act is amended by replacing “Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade” by “Economy and Innovation”.

ACT RESPECTING THE CENTRE DE RECHERCHE INDUSTRIELLE DU QUÉBEC

41. The Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec (chapter C-8.1) is repealed.

DIVISION II

SPECIAL TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

§1.—*Amalgamation of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec and Investissement Québec*

42. The Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec is amalgamated with Investissement Québec on 1 April 2020.

As of that date, the Centre is continued within Investissement Québec and their patrimonies are joined together to form a single one.

43. The administrative unit of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec referred to as the “Bureau de normalisation du Québec” is continued as the administrative unit of the same name that Investissement Québec must maintain under section 8.2 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec (chapter I-16.0.1), enacted by section 5 of this Act.

44. The term of the members of the board of directors of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec in office on 31 March 2020 ends at the time of the amalgamation provided for in section 42, without compensation.

The end of the term of the Centre's president and general manager as a board member does not terminate his or her employment contract. For the remainder of the term of that contract, he or she assumes management responsibilities within Investissement Québec and reports directly to its president and chief executive officer.

45. The rights and obligations of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec become those of Investissement Québec and the latter becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to any proceedings to which the Centre was a party.

46. The amalgamation involves, by operation of law, the conversion of the shares issued by the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec into shares of Investissement Québec.

The certificates for the shares thus converted are issued to the Minister of Finance without delay.

47. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any document, a reference to the Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec (chapter C-8.1) or to any of its provisions is a reference to the Act respecting Investissement Québec or to the corresponding provision of that Act, if any.

48. Unless the context indicates otherwise, in any document, a reference to the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec is a reference to Investissement Québec.

49. Investissement Québec must file the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec's final activity report and final financial statements required under section 32 of the Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec; it must attach them to its own activity report.

50. Section 60 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec, amended by section 34 of this Act, is to be read, for the period from (*insert the date of assent to this Act*) to 31 March 2020, as if "\$5,065,000,000" and "5,065,000" in the first paragraph were replaced by "\$5,000,000,000" and "5,000,000", respectively.

§2. — Transfer of employees, of rights and of obligations from the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation to Investissement Québec

51. Subject to the employment conditions applicable to them, employees of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation identified by the Deputy Minister of Economy and Innovation before 30 June 2020 become, from the date or dates agreed on by the Deputy Minister and the president and chief executive officer of Investissement Québec, the employees of Investissement Québec.

52. A permanent employee identified under section 51 who, in accordance with the employment conditions applicable to him or her, refuses to be transferred to Investissement Québec is temporarily assigned to the latter until the Chair of the Conseil du trésor is able to place the employee in accordance with section 100 of the Public Service Act (chapter F-3.1.1).

53. The employment conditions of an employee of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation who has been transferred to Investissement Québec under section 51 and who is not governed by a collective agreement continue to apply, with the necessary modifications, until they are modified by Investissement Québec.

54. The records and other documents of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation relating to the exercise of the functions determined by the Government among those assigned to the employees transferred under section 51 as well as any software and computer applications used in exercising those functions are transferred to Investissement Québec.

The transfer takes effect on 1 October 2020, unless it takes effect on any earlier date or dates the Government may set.

55. The rights and obligations of the Minister of Economy and Innovation arising from the exercise of the functions determined by the Government under the first paragraph of section 54 continue to be exercised and performed, from the date referred to in the second paragraph of that section, by Investissement Québec.

Investissement Québec becomes, without continuance of suit, a party to all proceedings to which the Minister was a party with respect to those functions.

§3. — *Variable pay policy*

56. Investissement Québec must, within the time specified by the Minister, revise any variable pay policy referred to in section 16 of the Act respecting the governance of state-owned enterprises (chapter G-1.02) in accordance with the policy directions and objectives the Minister may determine in order to, in particular, include short- and long-term performance objectives for officers.

§4. — *Dissolution of Ressources Québec inc.*

57. Investissement Québec must dissolve its subsidiary Ressources Québec inc. before 1 April 2020 in accordance with subdivisions 3 and 5 of Division I of Chapter XIII of the Business Corporations Act (chapter S-31.1).

Investissement Québec notifies the Minister of Economy and Innovation of the planned date of dissolution without delay.

§5.—*Approval of expenditures and investments for the Québec Enterprise Growth Fund*

58. The expenditure and investment estimates for the Québec Enterprise Growth Fund, set out in Schedule I, are approved for the 2019–2020 fiscal year.

CHAPTER III

AMENDING PROVISIONS

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

59. Schedule 2 to the Financial Administration Act (chapter A-6.001) is amended by striking out “Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec”.

ACT RESPECTING RESERVED DESIGNATIONS AND ADDED-VALUE CLAIMS

60. Section 49 of the Act respecting reserved designations and added-value claims (chapter A-20.03) is amended by replacing “of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec” and “16 of the Act respecting the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec (chapter C-8.1)” in the second paragraph by “of Investissement Québec” and “8.2 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec (chapter I-16.0.1)”, respectively.

ACT RESPECTING ARTISTIC, LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC COMPETITIONS

61. Section 1 of the Act respecting artistic, literary and scientific competitions (chapter C-51) is amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” in the second paragraph by “Economy and Innovation”.

SOCIAL ECONOMY ACT

62. Section 6 of the Social Economy Act (chapter E-1.1.1) is amended

(1) by replacing “of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy” in the introductory clause by “of Economy and Innovation”;

(2) by striking out “and the Economy” in paragraph 1.

63. Section 14 of the Act is amended by replacing “Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy” by “Minister of Economy and Innovation”.

ACT RESPECTING HOURS AND DAYS OF ADMISSION TO COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

64. Sections 2 and 3 of the Act respecting hours and days of admission to commercial establishments (chapter H-2.1) are amended by replacing “14” in their respective introductory clauses by “14.1”.

65. Section 3.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “14” in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by “14.1”.

66. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 14:

“14.1. Upon a request from the Minister of Public Security, the Minister may authorize, for the period and area he determines, that the public also be admitted, outside the legal periods of admission, to commercial establishments that he designates and that are situated in or near a disaster area or an area at risk of a disaster.

The Minister of Public Security gives notice of the authorization by any means he considers appropriate.”

67. Section 15 of the Act is amended by replacing “13 and 14” by “13, 14 and 14.1”.

TAXATION ACT

68. Section 737.19 of the Taxation Act (chapter I-3) is amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” in paragraph *d* of the definition of “foreign researcher” in the first paragraph by “Economy and Innovation”.

69. Section 737.22.0.0.5 of the Act is amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” in paragraph *d* of the definition of “foreign expert” in the first paragraph by “Economy and Innovation”.

70. Section 1029.8.1 of the Act is amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” in paragraph *a.1.1* by “Economy and Innovation”.

71. Sections 1029.8.16.1.4 and 1029.8.16.1.5 of the Act are amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” in subparagraph *b* of the fourth paragraph by “Economy and Innovation”.

72. Section 1029.8.16.1.9 of the Act is amended by replacing “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” by “Economy and Innovation”.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

73. The Public Infrastructure Act (chapter I-8.3) is amended by striking out “and the Economy” in the following provisions:

- (1) the introductory clause of the first paragraph of section 7;
- (2) the second paragraph of section 54;
- (3) the first and third paragraphs of section 55;
- (4) the second paragraph of section 81;
- (5) section 82;
- (6) the first paragraph of section 83;
- (7) subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 86; and
- (8) the second paragraph of section 146.

ACT RESPECTING STUFFING AND UPHOLSTERED AND STUFFED ARTICLES

74. Section 13 of the Act respecting stuffing and upholstered and stuffed articles (chapter M-5) is amended

- (1) by replacing “and inspectors shall be appointed” by “shall be appointed”;
- (2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“In addition, the Minister may, in order to assist the chief inspector, authorize any person to act as an inspector to verify compliance with this Act.”

ACT RESPECTING THE MINISTÈRE DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES

75. Section 11 of the Act respecting the Ministère des Relations internationales (chapter M-25.1.1) is amended

- (1) by striking out the second paragraph;
- (2) by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 1 of the third paragraph:

“(1.1) the representative of the Government as regards economic diplomacy and soft diplomacy;”.

76. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 11:

“11.1. The Minister shall, in cooperation with the departments concerned, devise an international relations policy, propose it to the Government and see to its implementation. The policy must contribute to the expansion of Québec’s influence and to Québec’s development, particularly in the commercial, cultural, economic, political and social spheres.

In order, in particular, to ensure the implementation of that policy, the Minister devises, in cooperation with the departments concerned, a multi-year deployment plan for Québec’s international action. The plan determines short- and medium-term results targets as well as the means chosen for achieving them and identifies actions to be taken to support the deployment of Québec’s international action. It is submitted to the Government for approval.”

77. Section 13 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “for the information of the departments and agencies, particularly as to the possibilities for exporting Québec products and services to those countries or of promoting foreign investment from them in Québec” in the first paragraph by “and shall ensure ongoing international monitoring of economic, commercial, political and geopolitical developments in connection with the international priorities of the Government for the information of the departments and agencies”;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

78. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 18:

“18.1. An international trade liaison committee is established. The committee is responsible for ensuring the cohesiveness and coordination of the action and activities carried on by the Minister, the Minister of Economy and Innovation or Investissement Québec to implement the deployment plan provided for in section 13 of the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*) or otherwise relating to the trade agreements referred to in section 22.1, to international trade and to foreign investment.

In addition, the committee must see to it that the necessary liaison mechanisms are put in place to ensure communication and information sharing between the delegates general, the delegates, the persons in charge of any other form of representation and the other members of the staff of the Ministère, the members of the staff of the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation as well as those of the staff of Investissement Québec who take part in the action and activities referred to in the first paragraph.

The Deputy Minister, the Deputy Minister of the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation and the president and chief executive officer of Investissement Québec are, by virtue of office, members of the liaison committee; the deputy ministers are its co-chairs. The ministers may each designate two other committee members.

“18.2. The Minister shall exercise the functions and powers conferred on him by this Act in accordance with the functions and powers of the Minister of Economy and Innovation as regards international trade.”

79. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 22.6:

“22.6.1. The functions and powers of the Minister provided for in sections 22.2 to 22.6 are, as regards international trade agreements, exercised jointly with the Minister of Economy and Innovation. However, the functions and powers provided for in the first paragraph of section 22.1 are, as regards such agreements, exercised by the Minister of Economy and Innovation in keeping with the Minister’s function in matters of economic diplomacy and soft diplomacy and with the Minister’s other functions and powers.”

ACT RESPECTING THE SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF CERTAIN FISCAL MEASURES

80. Section 2 of the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) is amended by replacing “of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade” in paragraph 3 by “of Economy and Innovation”.

81. The heading of Schedule C to the Act is amended by replacing “OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND EXPORT TRADE” by “OF ECONOMY AND INNOVATION”.

82. Section 1.1 of Schedule C to the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade” in the introductory clause by “of Economy and Innovation”;

(2) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) the deduction in respect of a foreign researcher provided for in sections 737.19 to 737.22 of the Taxation Act;

“(1.2) the deduction in respect of foreign experts provided for in sections 737.22.0.0.5 to 737.22.0.0.8 of the Taxation Act;”;

(3) by inserting the following paragraphs after paragraph 4:

“(4.1) the refundable tax credit for university research and for research carried on by a public research centre or a research consortium and the tax credit for fees and dues paid to a research consortium provided for in sections 1029.8.1 to 1029.8.7 and 1029.8.9.0.2 to 1029.8.9.0.4 of the Taxation Act;

“(4.2) the tax credit for private partnership pre-competitive research provided for in sections 1029.8.16.1.1 to 1029.8.16.1.9 of the Taxation Act;”.

83. Schedule C to the Act is amended by inserting the following after section 2.10:

“CHAPTER III

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF DEDUCTION IN RESPECT OF FOREIGN RESEARCHERS

“(insert, as provided for in section 86 of this bill, sections 4.1 to 4.5 of Schedule D to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) so that they become sections 3.1 to 3.5 of Schedule C to that Act)

“CHAPTER IV

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF DEDUCTION IN RESPECT OF FOREIGN EXPERTS

“(insert, as provided for in section 86 of this bill, sections 5.1 to 5.6 of Schedule D to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) so that they become sections 4.1 to 4.6 of Schedule C to that Act)”.

84. Schedule C to the Act is amended by inserting the following after section 5.10:

“CHAPTER VI

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH CARRIED ON BY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM AND OF TAX CREDIT FOR FEES AND DUES PAID TO RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

“(insert, as provided for in section 86 of this bill, sections 6.1 to 6.5 of Schedule D to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) so that they become sections 6.1 to 6.5 of Schedule C to that Act)

“CHAPTER VII

“SECTORAL PARAMETERS OF TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PRE-COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

“(insert, as provided for in section 86 of this bill, sections 7.1 to 7.5 of Schedule D to the Act respecting the sectoral parameters of certain fiscal measures (chapter P-5.1) so that they become sections 7.1 to 7.5 of Schedule C to that Act)”.

85. Section 1.1 of Schedule D to the Act is amended by striking out paragraphs 3 to 6.

86. Chapter IV of Schedule D to the Act, comprising sections 4.1 to 4.5, Chapter V of that Schedule, comprising sections 5.1 to 5.6, Chapter VI of that Schedule, comprising sections 6.1 to 6.5, and Chapter VII of that Schedule, comprising sections 7.1 to 7.5, become, respectively, Chapter III, comprising sections 3.1 to 3.5, Chapter IV, comprising sections 4.1 to 4.6, Chapter VI, comprising sections 6.1 to 6.5, and Chapter VII, comprising sections 7.1 to 7.5, of Schedule C to that Act, subject to the necessary changes in numbering.

ACT RESPECTING THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION OF THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PARAPUBLIC SECTORS

87. Schedule C to the Act respecting the process of negotiation of the collective agreements in the public and parapublic sectors (chapter R-8.2) is amended by striking out “—The Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec”.

ACT RESPECTING THE CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION PLAN

88. Schedule I to the Act respecting the Civil Service Superannuation Plan (chapter R-12) is amended by striking out “the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec” in paragraph 5.

89. Schedule I to the Act is amended by striking out paragraph 10.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS ACT

90. The Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans Act (chapter R-17.0.1) is amended by striking out “and the Economy” in the following provisions:

- (1) the first paragraph of section 115;
- (2) the first paragraph of section 139; and
- (3) section 145.

ACT RESPECTING HEALTH SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES

91. Section 88 of the Act respecting health services and social services (chapter S-4.2) is amended by replacing “Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapter M-15.1.0.1)” by “Économie et de l’Innovation (*insert the year and chapter number of this Act and the number of the section of this Act that enacts the Act respecting the Ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*)”.

92. Sections 89 and 90 of the Act are amended by replacing all occurrences of “Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology” by “Economy and Innovation”.

93. Section 436.8 of the Act is amended by inserting the following subparagraph after subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph:

“(2.1) one representative designated by the Minister of Economy and Innovation;”.

ACT RESPECTING THE SOCIÉTÉ DES ALCOOLS DU QUÉBEC

94. Section 34.1 of the Act respecting the Société des alcools du Québec (chapter S-13) is amended by replacing “of Finance” by “of Economy and Innovation”.

95. Section 37 of the Act is amended

(1) by replacing “of Finance” in the introductory clause of the first paragraph by “of Economy and Innovation”;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The Minister of Finance must be consulted on any draft regulation made under the first paragraph that relates to the Société’s activities.”

96. Section 61 of the Act is amended by inserting “, and with the exception of the other provisions of Divisions III and IV, which come under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Economy and Innovation” at the end.

RÈGLEMENT SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE SIGNATURE DE CERTAINS ACTES, DOCUMENTS ET ÉCRITS DU FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC — NATURE ET TECHNOLOGIES

97. Section 1 of the Règlement sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Nature et technologies (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r. 1, French only) is amended by replacing “54 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapitre M-15.1.0.1)” by “57 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*indiquer ici l’année et le numéro de chapitre de la présente loi ainsi que le numéro de l’article de cette loi qui édicte la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*)”.

RÈGLEMENT NUMÉRO 5 SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE SIGNATURE DE CERTAINS ACTES, DOCUMENTS ET ÉCRITS DU FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC — SANTÉ

98. Section 1 of the Règlement numéro 5 sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Santé (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r. 2, French only) is amended by replacing “54 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapitre M-15.1.0.1)” by “57 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*indiquer ici l’année et le numéro de chapitre de la présente loi ainsi que le numéro de l’article de cette loi qui édicte la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*)”.

RÈGLEMENT SUR LA DÉLÉGATION DE SIGNATURE DE CERTAINS ACTES, DOCUMENTS ET ÉCRITS DU FONDS DE RECHERCHE DU QUÉBEC — SOCIÉTÉ ET CULTURE

99. Section 1 of the Règlement sur la délégation de signature de certains actes, documents et écrits du Fonds de recherche du Québec — Société et culture (chapter M-15.1.0.1, r. 3, French only) is amended by replacing “54 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche, de la Science et de la Technologie (chapitre M-15.1.0.1)” by “57 de la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation (*indiquer ici l’année et le numéro de chapitre de la présente loi ainsi que le numéro de l’article de cette loi qui édicte la Loi sur le ministère de l’Économie et de l’Innovation*)”.

CHAPTER IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

100. The provisions of this Act come into force on (*insert the date of assent to this Act*), except

- (1) section 51, which comes into force on 1 January 2020;

(2) section 2, insofar as it enacts “, including technology-based measures,” in the second paragraph of section 4 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec (chapter I-16.0.1), section 5, insofar as it enacts subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph of section 8.1 of that Act, the third paragraph of that section and sections 8.2 and 8.3 of that Act, and sections 41 to 49, 59, 60, 87 and 88, which come into force on 1 April 2020;

(3) section 5, insofar as it enacts section 8.6 of the Act respecting Investissement Québec and the heading before that section, which comes into force on the date of the dissolution of Ressources Québec inc.

SCHEDULE I
(Section 61)

QUÉBEC ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND

	2019–2020
Revenues	0
Expenditures	0
Surplus (deficit) of the fiscal year	0
Ending cumulative surplus (deficit)	0
Investments	\$100,000,000
Total borrowings or advances ¹	\$100,000,000

¹ To (from) the Financing Fund and the general fund.