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An Act respecting the organization of the Government of Canada and matters related or incidental thereto.

[Assented to 16th June, 1966.]

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Government Organization Act, 1966.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

15. (1) There shall be a department of the Government of Canada called the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development over which the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development appointed by Commission under the Great Seal of Canada shall preside.

(2) The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development holds office during pleasure and has the management and direction of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

16. (1) The Governor in Council may appoint an officer called the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to be the deputy head of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and to hold office during pleasure.

(2) Such other officers and employees as are necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department shall be appointed in the manner authorized by law.

17. (1) The duties, powers and functions of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development extend to and include all matters over which the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction, not by law assigned to any other department, branch or agency of the Government of Canada, relating to

- (a) Indian Affairs;
- (b) the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory and their resources and affairs;
- (c) Eskimo affairs;
- (d) national parks;
- (e) national battlefields, historic sites and monuments; and
- (f) migratory birds and other wild life.

18. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development shall be responsible for

- (a) co-ordinating the activities in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon territory of the several departments, branches and agencies of the Government of Canada;

- (b) undertaking, promoting and recommending policies and programs for the further economic and political development of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory; and

- (c) fostering, through scientific investigation and technology, knowledge of the Canadian north and the means of dealing with conditions related to its further

development.

19. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

- (a) has the control, management and administration of all lands situated in the Northwest Territories or Yukon Territory belonging to Her Majesty in right of Canada except those lands therein that were immediately before the coming into force of this section under the control, management or administration of any Minister, department, branch or agency of the Government of Canada other than the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources or the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources; and
- (b) shall administer all Acts, orders and regulations, not by law assigned to any other Minister, relating to any of the matters mentioned in section 17 or 18.

20. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development shall, on or before the 31st day of January next following the end of each fiscal year or, if Parliament is not then sitting, on any of the first five days next thereafter that Parliament is sitting, submit to Parliament a report showing the operations of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for that fiscal year.

40. (1) Without restricting the generality of sections 17 and 18, the Acts or portions of Acts to be administered by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development shall include the Acts or portions of Acts set out in Part IV of Schedule A, and whenever the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys or the Deputy Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys is mentioned or referred to in any of those Acts or portions of Acts, or in any order, rule or regulation thereunder, or any contract, lease or other document made thereunder, there shall in each and every such case unless the context otherwise requires be substituted the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as the case may be.

(2) Whenever under any order, rule or regulation, or any contract, lease or other document, any power, duty or function is vested in or exercisable by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources or any other officer of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration or the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, in relation to any matter not provided for under subsection (1) to which the powers, duties or functions of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development extend under this Act, the power duty or function is vested in and shall or may be exercised by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or the appropriate officer of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as the case may be, unless the Governor in Council by order designates another Minister, Deputy Minister or other officer of a department of the public service of Canada to exercise such power, duty or function.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS.

45. The Acts and portions of Acts set out in Schedule B are repealed or amended in the manner and to the extent indicated in that Schedule.

COMMENCEMENT.

46. This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council.

SCHEDULE A. PART IV: *Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: (Section 40)*

Indian Act (R.S., c. 149)
(Sections 37 to 42). Northern Canada Power Commission Act (R.S. c. 196)
Dominion Water Power Act (R.S., c. 90)
National Parks Act (R.S., c 189)
Territorial Lands Act (R.S., c. 263)
Yukon Placer Mining Act (R.S., c. 300)
Yukon Quartz mining Act (R.S., c. 301)
Land Titles Act (R.S., c. 162)
Northwest Territories Act (R.S., c. 331)
Yukon Act (1952-53, c. 53)
Part III of Canada Lands Surveys Act (R.S., c. 26)
Historic Sites and Monuments Act (1952-53, c. 39)
Game Export Act (R.S., c. 128)
Migratory Birds Convention Act (R.S., c. 179)

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SCHEDULE B-*continued*

(Section 45)- *continued*

(Repeals and Amendments).

<u>Act Affected</u>	<u>Repeal or Amendments</u>
Indian Act 1951, c. 29	Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 123 is amended by substituting the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the Minister therein mentioned.

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