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Mr. Karel De Gucht
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Dear Mr. De Gucht:

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As you know, Canada and the European Union (EU) are significant economic partners with great potential for strengthening and broadening our relationship. I found our discussion useful in understanding the European Union's perspective on our ongoing negotiations toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). I appreciate your commitment to work with member states to ensure that we maintain a high level of ambition in these discussions.

We agree that in the context of the current challenges facing the global economy, our efforts to increase trade and investment hold significant potential to spur economic growth and contribute to the global economic recovery. The successful conclusion of an ambitious CETA would be a strong signal in this regard. I look forward to working closely with you as we seek ways to bridge the remaining gaps in order to successfully conclude the CETA negotiations. In this regard, I share your view that the next Canada-EU Summit could be an opportunity to leverage in closing this important deal.

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Sincerely,

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The Honourable Ed Fast, P.C., M.P.

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Dear Commissioner,

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway.

I look forward to meeting you next month.

Yours sincerely,

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David Plunkett
Ambassador

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