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MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Minister,

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Therefore I am pleased to see that the CETA negotiation is moving ahead in good order. My services have had the pleasure of hosting the Canadian chief negotiator and his team here in Brussels and I have heard good reports of progress. There are still a number of difficult issues that must be resolved which could stall the negotiation on both sides but on the whole I remain very optimistic that we will be able to conclude this year.

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I am looking forward to meeting you again.

Yours sincerely,

[Art. 4.1(b)]

Karel De Gucht

The Honourable Ed Fast Minister of International Trade & Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateways Ottawa Canada