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Ms. Cecilia Malmström European Commissioner for Trade European Commission B-1049 Brussels KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

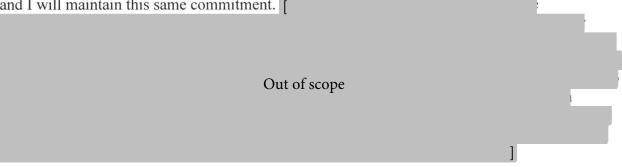
## Dear Ms. Malmström:

I would like to formally congratulate you on your confirmation by the European Parliament as the next Commissioner for Trade. As I said during our introductory call on October 2, 2014, you can count on Canada's full cooperation during your term.

The Canada-EU Summit in Ottawa in September 2014 launched a new era in our bilateral relationship. The EU is Canada's second largest trading partner and a close and like-minded friend in an increasingly integrated and complex world. We share historical ties, values and interests and our renewed partnership is crucial for our continued prosperity and security.

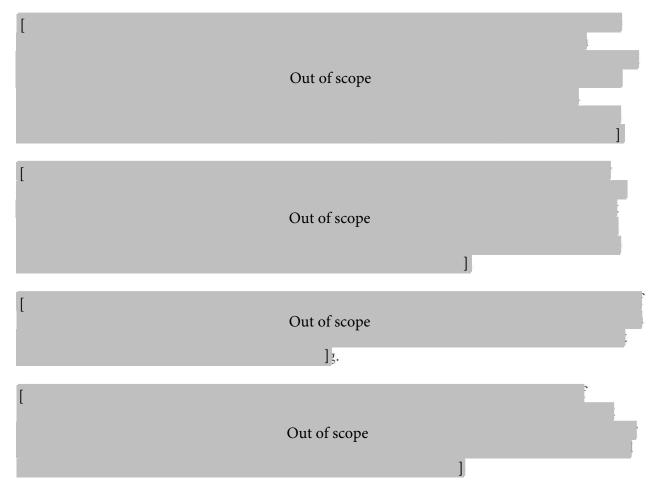
Canada appreciated the efforts of your predecessor, Commissioner De Gucht, toward ensuring the successful conclusion of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and I personally appreciate your clear and unambiguous defense of CETA's provisions as negotiated, including those related to investor-state dispute settlement measures.

Former Commissioner De Gucht and I also shared a common view of the importance of working together to resolve outstanding technical issues, affecting both our export interests, to ensure both sides are able to maximize the benefits from this historic Agreement. I am quite certain you and I will maintain this same commitment.



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I wish you the utmost success in your new position and I look forward to working closely with you and your colleagues in the new Commission to ensure the successful ratification of CETA and the continued strengthening of trade, investment and innovation relations between Canada and the EU.

Sincerely,

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

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