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Mr. Karel De Gucht
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Dear Mr. De Gucht:

It was a pleasure to meet you during my visit to Davos, Switzerland, on the occasion of the 2010 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting.

I especially appreciated your interest and enthusiasm toward a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union. We share the belief that this agreement should be ambitious and established without delay, and I look forward to working with you in order to reach that goal.

In the meantime, allow me to congratulate you on your nomination as Commissioner for Trade and to wish you a productive start to your mandate.

Thank you again for taking the time to discuss these important issues.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Peter Van Loan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of International Trade

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