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Dear Minister,

It was a pleasure to meet you, too, in Davos earlier this year, and I look forward to meeting you again on 5th May in Brussels, when I believe we will have more time to discuss progress in the ongoing CETA negotiations.

The excellent atmosphere in which the talks are taking place is much appreciated. Although we are both aware that there will be difficult discussions ahead, I am optimistic that we can continue to advance well, and reach an ambitious agreement within the timeline envisaged when the negotiations were launched at the previous EU-Canada Summit a year ago.

Yours faithfully,

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