Central American countries must also agree to adhere to internationally recognized and accepted sanitary and phyto-sanitary protocols.

We see the expansion of free trade through bi-lateral initiatives as a positive move as long as they re-inforce and complement the multi-lateral trade initiatives which Canada has been publicly committed to and for which we support.

If we can provide further assistance and/or information, we would be happy to cooperate.

Yours truly,

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