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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between officials of the Governments of Canada and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning possible Netherlands participation in a project entered into by Canada and some other NATO countries which would allow for the training of Netherlands Armed Forces units in Canada. As a result of these discussions, I have the honour to propose an agreement between our two Governments in the following terms:

1. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be permitted to train Netherlands Armed Forces units, use land, air space and installations, and station personnel and equipment in Goose Bay in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and subsequent Memoranda of Understanding subsumed under this Agreement. The periods of such training, use, stationing and the activities to be carried out, shall be specified in the applicable Memorandum of Understanding.
2. The terms of the Agreement between The Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA), dated June 19, 1951 as supplemented by paragraph 8 of this Agreement, and implemented in Canada by the Visiting Forces Act shall govern the status of the Netherlands Armed Forces training in Canada.
3. The Canadian Forces shall exercise command and control over base and training facilities used by the Netherlands Armed Forces and training activities shall be conducted in accordance with Canadian laws, regulations and orders. All applicable Canadian safety regulations and standing operating procedures shall be followed. The Netherlands training shall be governed by the relevant regulations of the Netherlands Armed Forces.

To His Excellency
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Plenipotentiary of Canada
at
The Hague