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His Excellency Herminio Blanco Mendoza
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have the honour to confirm the understanding, as set forth in the Annex to this letter, reached by the delegations of Canada, the United Mexican States and the United States of America in the Working Group on Rules of Origin, established pursuant to Article 513 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "NAFTA") to make certain technical rectifications to Annex 401 of the NAFTA. These rectifications do not constitute substantial changes and have the sole purpose of establishing consistency between Annex 401 and the Parties' tariff laws.

I confirm that this letter and its Annex, and your letter, together with your letter to Ambassador Barshefsky and her letter of confirmation in reply, shall constitute an agreement between the three Governments. I further confirm that this agreement shall enter into force on April 15, 1997, on an exchange of written notifications certifying the completion of each Party's applicable legal procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur C. Eggleton', written over a horizontal line.

Arthur C. Eggleton

Enclosure