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Mexico, D.F.
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Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky
United States Trade Representative
600 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Ambassador Barshefsky:

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 States of America, and the United Mexican States 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 Annexes 401 and 403.1 of the NAFTA. These rectifications do not constitute substantial changes and have the purpose of establishing consistency between these Annexes and the tariff laws of each country.

I propose that this letter and its Annexes, and your letter of confirmation in reply, together with my letter to Minister Pettigrew and his letter of confirmation in reply, constitute an agreement between the three governments. I also propose that this agreement enter into force on April 15, 1997, on an exchange of written notifications certifying the completion of each Party's applicable legal procedures.

Sincerely,

(signed)
H. Blanco M.

cc: H. Pierre S. Pettigrew, Canada's Minister for International Trade.
For information purposes.