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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA
TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF NEW ZEALAND

Ottawa, July 26th, 1973

MY DEAR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

I have the honour to refer to your letter to me dated July 26th concerning discussions which have taken place between our two governments with reference to the Trade Agreement signed at Wellington and Ottawa on the 23rd of April 1932,⁽¹⁾ as amended by subsequent Exchanges of Letters, and by the Protocol signed at Wellington on May 13, 1970, on the question of the continuation of the preferential arrangements applying to trade between our two countries.

In your letter you placed on record the undertaking given by both governments to retain to the extent feasible and desirable the present framework of Canada-New Zealand trade relations and you proposed provisions to apply to trade between our two countries and that the terms of your letter should be taken into consideration in any future long term agreement between our two Governments on tariffs and tariff preferences.

You concluded your letter by proposing that your letter, and my confirmatory reply thereto should constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, to be read with the 1932 Trade Agreement as amended, and to be deemed to have come into force on 1st February 1973. You further proposed that, with the exception of paragraph 7 of your letter, which should remain in force for as long as the 1932 Trade Agreement as amended remains in force and should terminate when that Agreement terminates, this Agreement should remain in force for one year from the date of its entry into force and that thereafter it might be terminated in whole or in part on the expiration of the 30th day after notice in writing had been given by either Government of its intention to terminate it.

I have the honour to confirm that the proposals set out in your letter are satisfactory to my government and to agree that your letter and this confirmatory reply which is authentic in English and French, shall constitute such an agreement between our two governments.

Yours sincerely,

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⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1932 No. 2