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His Excellency Dr. Luis Ernesto Derbez
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Excellency:

Thank you for your letter dated November 27, 2002, in which you confirm the understanding, as set forth in the Annex to your letter, reached by the delegations of the United Mexican States, the United States of America and Canada in the Working Group on Rules of Origin, established pursuant to Article 513 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (the "NAFTA"), to make certain adjustments to the rules of origin contained in Annex 401 of the NAFTA. The adjustments concern the following products: alcoholic beverages, petroleum, esters of glycerol, pearl jewellery, headphones with microphones, chassis fitted with engines, and photocopyers.

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Canada accepts your proposal that your letter and its Annex and my letter of confirmation in reply and its Annex, which are equally authentic in English and French, Ambassador Zoellick's letter to you and its Annex and your letter of confirmation in reply, together with Ambassador Zoellick's letter to me and its Annex and my letter of confirmation in reply and its Annex, shall constitute an agreement among our three Governments. I have the further honour to inform you that the Government of Canada accepts your proposal that this agreement shall enter into force as specified in notes exchanged by the Parties certifying the completion of necessary legal procedures required to bring this agreement into force.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Pierre S. Pettigrew

Enclosure

c.c.: The Honourable Robert B. Zoellick

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