

Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs

סגן ראש הממשלה
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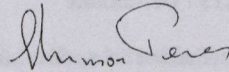
The Honourable Bill Graham P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 4 April 2002 and to confirm that my government accepts the understanding reached by the delegations of Israel and Canada in the Working Group on Rules of Origin and Other Customs-Related Market Access Issues, established pursuant to Article 5.12 of the Israel – Canada Free Trade Agreement done at Toronto on 31 July, 1996 containing Amendments to Chapters Three and Five to the said Agreement, which will allow most originating goods from either Israel or Canada to undergo some minor processing in the United States without losing their originating status.

I further confirm that this letter and its annex which is equally authentic in Hebrew, and English together with your letter shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement between our two governments in accordance with article 11.2 thereof. It shall enter into force upon receipt of the second Diplomatic Note certifying the completion of the necessary internal legal procedures by each Party.

Sincerely,



Shimon Peres

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