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*The Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada*

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The Honorable Lawrence Cannon
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of Canada on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters, signed at Ottawa on 14 August 2007 ("the Agreement").

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands proposes that, in accordance with Article 22, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Agreement, the application of the Agreement should be extended to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, subject to the following.

1. For the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the term "Customs Administration" means, as regards the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, the central administration responsible for the implementation of customs laws, including the assessment of customs duties, charges and other taxes.
2. Article 2, paragraphs 3 and 4, and Article 17, paragraph 4 of the Agreement do not apply to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba.
3. Article 2, paragraph 6 of the Agreement applies only to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba in so far as the bilateral and multilateral treaties referred to therein apply to those parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, respectively.
4. As regards the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba, the requirements of national law within the meaning of Article 18, paragraph 1 include Chapter 3 of the Kingdom Act on mutual administrative assistance in customs matters, until such time as legal and administrative provisions adopted by the Netherlands Antilles or Aruba come into force.