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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between officials of the Government of Canada and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning our mutual objective of the continuation of the training of Netherlands Armed Forces in Canada, which is currently being conducted pursuant to the Agreement between our two Governments constituted by the Exchange of Notes of 4 and 5 December, 1986.

As a result of these discussions, I have the honour to propose that the aforementioned Agreement and the Schedule of Terms and Conditions attached to it be hereby terminated and replaced by a new Agreement in the following terms:

"1. The Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be permitted to train Netherlands Armed Forces units, use land, air space and installations, and station personnel and equipment at sites in Canada as may be mutually selected by the Minister of National Defence of Canada and the Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and the Memoranda of Understanding subsumed under this Agreement. The periods of such training, use, stationing and the activities to be carried out, shall be specified in the relevant Memorandum of Understanding.

2. The status of Netherlands Armed Forces units training in Canada shall be governed by the terms of the Agreement Between The Parties To The North Atlantic Treaty Regarding The Status Of Their Forces (NATO SOFA), dated June 19, 1951 as supplemented by paragraph 9 of this Agreement, and implemented in Canada by the Visiting Forces Act.

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