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*The Ambassador of Canada
to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan*

Tokyo, 7 March 2008

His Excellency
Mr. Masahiko Koumura
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Tokyo

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of today's date concerning the discussions that have taken place between our two Governments concerning the logistic support, supplies and services contributed to the armed forces or other similar entities of Canada, which reads as follows:

"Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Japan's Law Regarding Special Measures Concerning Supply Assistance Activities in Support of Counter-Terrorism Maritime Interdiction Activities (Law No.1 of 2008, hereinafter referred to as "the Law").

The purpose of the Law is to continue active and voluntary contributions to efforts by the international community for the prevention and eradication of international terrorism, and thereby contribute to ensuring peace and security of the international community including Japan, through activities related to the provision of supplies and services of the Self-Defense Forces of Japan (limited to activities that provide fuel for vessels or rotary wing aircraft carried on vessels and water) to vessels of the armed forces or other similar entities of foreign countries which are engaged in duties related to activities that contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations by making efforts to eradicate the threat caused by the terrorist attacks in the United States of America on September 11, 2001, and to take such necessary measures as the inspection and verification of vessels sailing the Indian Ocean with a view to interdicting and deterring the movements of terrorists, weapons or other material under international cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "counter-terrorism maritime interdiction activities"), in order to assist in the smooth and effective implementation of counter-terrorism maritime interdiction activities.