

The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., M.P.
Minister of the Environment
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Dear Minister:

Fifteen years ago, Canada, Mexico and the United States made some very important commitments on behalf of the people of North America. We agreed to the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in order to foster free trade in the region. We also entered into the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation and committed to work together to protect the environment of North America. Furthermore, our leaders highlighted the important link between improving prosperity in North America and protecting its environment and agreed to work together to ensure that our environmental and economic policies are mutually supportive.

Over those fifteen years, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), under the leadership of its Council, has made important contributions toward achieving the environmental goals of the NAFTA. We note the work of the CEC in increasing understanding of the environmental impacts of this trilateral trade agreement and, in particular, its recent sectoral work. However, we also note that there is more that our countries can do to further the environmental goals of the NAFTA. In this regard, we, the trade ministers from our three countries, have agreed to explore new opportunities for collaboration with the CEC to further promote mutually supportive economic integration and environmental protection in North America.

We encourage you to take the opportunity presented by the upcoming CEC Council Meeting in Denver to remind the public of your support for continuing and enhancing the work of the CEC on trade and environment issues. The CEC's strategic plan for the years 2010-2015 also provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of the CEC's work on trade and environment to North America. We urge you to give significant attention to these issues as the three parties cooperate to develop this strategic plan and we pledge our continued support for this work, and the cooperation of our staffs in the development and implementation of the relevant portions of the CEC strategic plan.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to continuing to engage with you on these goals.

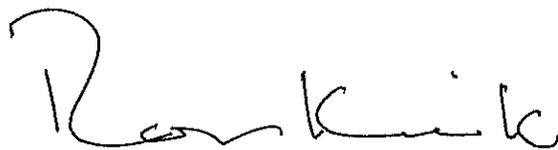
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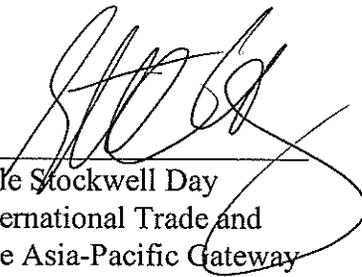
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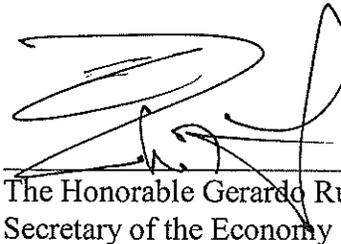
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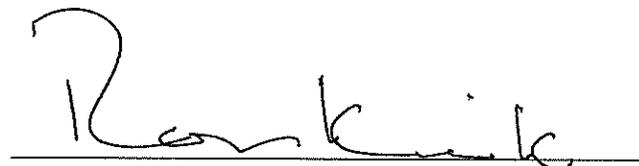
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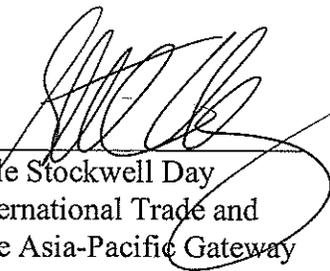
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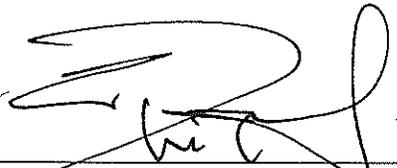
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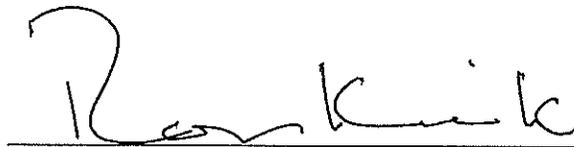
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