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Via email: Francois-Philippe.Champagne@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C, M.P.
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Dear Minister Champagne:

We are writing on behalf of the Canadian Bar Association's International Law Section and Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade Section to extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of International Trade. We look forward to establishing a positive and constructive relationship with you and your team.

The CBA is a national association representing over 36,000 jurists, including lawyers, notaries, law teachers and students across Canada. We promote the rule of law, access to justice, effective law reform and provide expertise on how the law touches the lives of Canadians every day.

The CBA International Law Section addresses issues of public and private international law including treaties and conventions, international trade, anti-corruption, international development and human rights. The CBA Commodity Tax Section works on issues of commodity tax, customs and trade remedy matters.

We understand that your mandate includes the promotion of trade and investment with emerging markets, supporting Canadian companies seeking to export and reducing the complexity and administrative burdens encumbering international trade. Given Canadian and international legal perspective on these issues, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your officials to discuss how we might assist you with your new mandate.

Yours truly,

(original signed by Marc-André O'Rourke on behalf of Noemi Gal-Or and Alan Kenigsberg)

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