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Mr. Patricio Aylwin  
President of the Republic of Chile  
Santiago, Chile

Dear President Aylwin:

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet with you during my recent visit to Chile. Our countries have indeed developed strong and durable relations in a broad range of political, economic, trade and investment contexts.

Canada will continue to work with Chile in world and regional fora, towards international political and economic stability. As we discussed in Santiago, Canada expects NAFTA to be ratified by all three countries in time to meet the January 1, 1994 deadline. The NAFTA accession clause reinforces the partners' commitment to regional freer trade and to reinforcing multilateralism. Canada is willing to explore ways in which Chile and other countries can become partners within NAFTA.

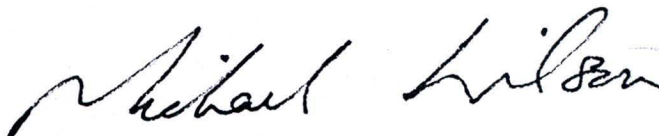
Regarding the Uruguay Round, on Friday, May 14, 1993, I hosted in Toronto an informal meeting of the Uruguay Round with my counterparts from the United States, the European Community, and Japan. The Ministers resolved to work towards agreement on a broad and ambitious market access package. There is a clear commitment to achieving a positive outcome to the Round this year. With this in mind, the Ministers will meet again prior to the Tokyo Summit in efforts to achieve a significant breakthrough on market access among ourselves. This would serve to encourage an early re-engagement of the negotiating process in Geneva with our trading partners on all outstanding issues.

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I am encouraged to see that the Chilean and Canadian business communities are ready and willing to expand their trade relations. This cooperation can only lead to the strengthening of our bilateral ties.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael H. Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Michael H. Wilson