



December 2, 2015

**Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker**  
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**Mr. Donald Tusk**  
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**The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.**  
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**Mr. Martin Schulz**  
President  
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**Re: EU and Canadian Business Communities Support the Approval and Provisional Application of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)**

Dear President Juncker, President Tusk, Prime Minister Trudeau and President Schulz:

For more than six years, our organisations have looked forward to the conclusion and subsequent ratification of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada.

We congratulate the negotiators on forging an agreement that, when implemented, could yield annual income gains of €11.6 billion for the EU and CDN\$12 billion for Canada, strengthen growth and employment on both sides of the Atlantic and elevate the EU-Canada strategic partnership to a new level.

Together we also look forward to the early ratification of CETA through your respective legal and political processes. Our associations stand ready to actively support you and your officials through these procedures. We call on the Canadian government and the 28 EU Member States to lend their full support to a deal that includes important elements such as:

- The elimination of customs duties on almost all products and reduced technical barriers to trade;
- Customs and trade facilitation provisions such as access to advance rulings on the origin or tariff classification of products, and automated border procedures where possible;
- Full and fair coverage of government procurement markets, including at the sub-federal level in Canada and the EU;
- Improved access to service and investment markets such as telecoms, postal and transportation services;

- An ambitious and high-quality intellectual property outcome creating a level playing field for innovative industries;
- The retention of robust, science-based food safety standards in both Canada and the EU;
- A robust, comprehensive and modern investment chapter;
- Reaffirmation of the sovereign right to regulate; and
- Commercially meaningful enhancements to agricultural and industrial market access that respect rule-of-origin requirements and safeguards.

CETA represents the most ambitious and comprehensive economic partnership agreement ever negotiated by our respective governments. It will open up new trade and investment opportunities for entrepreneurs and citizens across the EU and in Canada, while preserving the ability of policymakers to safeguard public health, safety and the environment.

We are committed to supporting your leadership in moving forward with an agreement that will create jobs and make our economies more competitive and innovative.

We urge you to do everything in your power to complete the approval and provisional application processes in 2016, and we stand ready to assist you in the completion of this historic agreement.


Sincerely,



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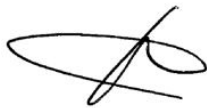
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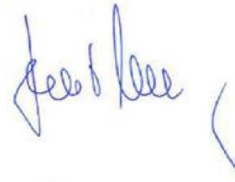
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