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Mr. Denis Lemelin
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Canadian Union of Postal Workers
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Dear Mr. Lemelin:

Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2009, in which you enquire about the established areas of negotiation for an economic agreement between Canada and the European Union (EU) and, in particular, if postal services constitutes one of those areas.

In the Joint Report on the EU-Canada Scoping Exercise (available at www.international.gc.ca/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/assets/pdfs/Canada-EUJointReport2009-03-05.pdf), both parties decided that no mode of supply or services sector should be excluded a priori. This essentially means that all sectors can be considered subject to negotiation. However, it is understood that both Canada and the EU have sensitivities that they both will seek to protect in the final agreement.

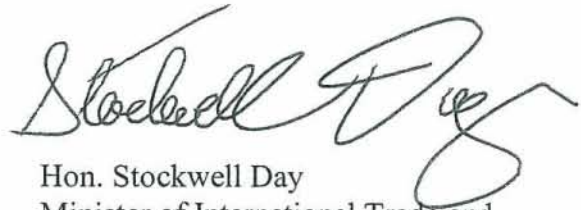
As I am sure you can appreciate, the sectors that the EU may prioritize or seek liberalization in may not be the same as the ones that Canada prioritizes. With respect to postal services, Canada has never requested nor offered in any of its trade agreements commitments on postal services. Stakeholder inputs are important elements that help shape our domestic position. Other important elements include the recent strategic review of the Canada Post Corporation including the guiding principles and, as yet to be developed, the Government response to the final report.

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Thank you again for writing. Your correspondence on these issues is considered to be a much valued contribution to this important initiative. As always, I appreciate being made aware of the views of your organization on these matters.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Stockwell Day
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