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Mr. Denis Lemelin
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Dear Mr. Lemelin:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2009, in which you express your concerns about the issue of postal services in the anticipated negotiations toward a comprehensive economic agreement between Canada and the European Union (EU).

As you may be aware, at the Canada-EU Summit on October 17, 2008, in Québec City, leaders agreed to work toward a stronger economic partnership. The first step in that process is now complete. Canada and the EU have now established areas for the negotiation of an ambitious and comprehensive economic agreement. The next step in this process will be the development of a Canadian mandate with a view to formally launch negotiations.

Together with provinces and territories, and in consultation with Canadian stakeholders, including the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, the Government of Canada will develop that mandate. As the negotiations proceed, I can assure you that the Government will continue to consult with Canadian stakeholders and, as such, your correspondence on these issues is considered to be a much valued contribution.

Thank you again for writing. As always, I appreciate being made aware of the views of your organization on these matters.

Sincerely,

Hon. Stockwell Day

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