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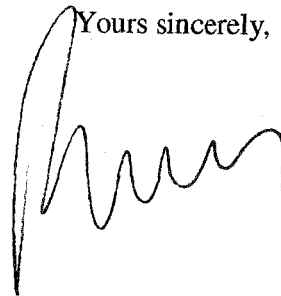
Dear Minister Ritz,

Cooperation and information exchange on issues related to biotechnology products are of mutual interest as outlined in the text on Bilateral Cooperation on Biotechnology, which was agreed with your services during the Canada-EU CETA negotiations during April 2012.

Such cooperation and exchange of information takes place in the bilateral Dialogue on Biotech Market Access Issues, which was established as part of the Mutually Agreed Solution reached on 15 July, 2009, between the EU and Canada.

The Commission will ensure that proposals for authorisation of all genetically modified (GM) events, in particular GM canola, are processed as fast as possible within the procedures laid down in the EU approval legislation, e.g. submission of decisions to Member States once an EFSA opinion is available.

Yours sincerely,



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