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June 30, 2007

The Honorable Susan C. Schwab
United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Schwab:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the Republic of Korea and the United States of America during the course of negotiations regarding Chapter Twenty (Environment) of the Free Trade Agreement between our two Governments signed this day:

Before initiating dispute settlement under the Agreement for a matter arising under Article 20.3.1(a), a Party should consider whether it maintains environmental laws that are substantially equivalent in scope to those that would be the subject of the dispute.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an integral part of the Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

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Hyun Chong Kim