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Subject to Review by the Dominican Republic and to
Legal Review for Accuracy, Clarity, and Consistency
April 12, 2004

[Letter on co-production with Haiti]

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Dear Minister **[name]**,

In the course of negotiations between the United States of America and the Dominican Republic on integrating the Dominican Republic into the U.S.-Central America Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), representatives of the Dominican Republic noted that, under the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA), articles produced in the Dominican Republic that are currently eligible for CBTPA benefits will no longer be eligible for these benefits when the Dominican Republic is integrated into the Agreement. The representatives expressed concern that, as a result, articles that are co-produced by enterprises in the Dominican Republic and the Republic of Haiti will also become ineligible for CBTPA benefits.

I am pleased to confirm that the United States intends to work with the Congress to amend the CBTPA to allow articles currently eligible for CBTPA benefits that are co-produced by enterprises in the Parties and CBTPA beneficiaries to continue to be eligible for such benefits after the Agreement enters into force.

Sincerely,