

May 28, 2004

The Honorable Alberto Trejos
Minister of Foreign Trade
San Jose, Costa Rica

Dear Minister Trejos:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the United States and Costa Rica in the course of negotiations regarding Chapters Ten (Investment) and Eleven (Cross-Border Trade in Services) of the Free Trade Agreement between our Governments signed this day (the "Agreement"):

Nothing in Chapter Ten (Investment) or Eleven (Cross-Border Trade in Services) prevents the United States or Costa Rica from adopting, maintaining, or enforcing any measure consistent with the Agreement relating to the following activities:

- the use of genetic material of wildlife (flora and fauna), wildlife products, and wildlife by-products;
- the exploration or use of forestry, hydrological, edaphological, archaeological, or zoological resources; and
- zoning and land use.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick

COURTESY TRANSLATION

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The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to confirm that the understanding referred to in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our Governments.

Sincerely,

Alberto Trejos