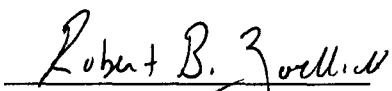


Statements of the NAFTA Free Trade Commission on the operation of Chapter 11


Having reviewed the operation of proceedings conducted under Chapter 11 of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Free Trade Commission hereby issues the attached statements on non-disputing party participation and notice of intent to submit a claim to arbitration, in order to enhance the transparency and efficiency of Chapter 11 and provide guidance to investors and to Tribunals constituted under Section B of the Chapter.

Agreed at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on the 7th day of October, 2003, and signed subsequently in triplicate in the English, French and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

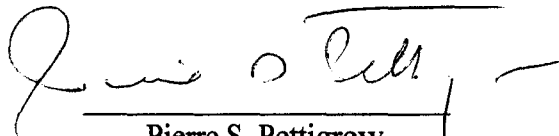
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