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All Members of Plexconcil /COA Members

Dear Sir(s)

SUBJECT : India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)

REF. : K-31014/4/2017-DIR NAFTA

This has reference to communication received from Department of Commerce (NAFTA Division) regarding India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

This is to inform you that 10 rounds of negotiations have been held between India and Canada. The next round of negotiations is going to be held shortly. In this regard, we have to firm up our position on tariff concessions that we should seek from Canada, tariff line wise. To facilitate ease of appreciation the following tariff line wise data is appended:-

a) Canada's exports to world in the past three years and to India along with India's present MFN standard tariff rate is enclosed at Appendix 1 – members to firm up which of the Indian tariff lines could be offered for concessions

- (i) for zero tariff on e.i.f of the CEPA (to be denoted with symbol 'A'),
- (ii) to bring zero tariff within 3 years (to be denoted with symbol 'B'),
- (iii) to bring to zero tariff within 5 years (to be denoted with symbol 'C'),
- (iv) to bring to zero tariff within 7 years (to be denoted with symbol 'D'),
- (v) 2. to bring to zero tariff within 10 years (to be denoted with symbol 'F'),
- (vi) only reduction in existing tariff rate to be allowed (to be denoted with symbol 'R') and

(vii) those tariff lines to be kept under negative list (to be denoted with symbol 'NL') for which no tariff concessions could be given.

A blank format is also appended as Annexure A for providing the information. All the members are requested to depict appropriate symbol at Column 3 i.e 'A' or 'B' or 'C' or 'D' or 'F' or 'R' or 'NL'. Further, the members have to provide justification in case if any Tariff line is categorized under Negative List (NL) or Reduction Category (R) at Column 4 "Remarks".

b) India's Exports to world in the past three years and to Canada along with Canada's present MFN applied tariff rate is enclosed at **Appendix 2** – Members to firm up on which of the Canadian Tariff Lines India can ask of concessions.

A blank format is also appended as **Annexure B** for providing the information. All the members are requested to denote a symbol 'X' against the tariff lines of India's aggressive interest if tariff is to be reduced e.i.f and symbol "Y" if tariff is to be reduced to zero over the years, at Column 3. Further, the members have to provide justification in case if any tariff line is sought to be reduced to zero with e.i.f of the agreement at Column 4 "Remarks".

During the 10th round of negotiations both sides decided to exchange the first offer by next round and hence it is requested that the above information may please be provided at bharti@plexconcil.org latest by 13.01.2018. For getting all the appendix and annexures members are requested to send separate email at bharti@plexconcil.org.

We request your urgent response in this regard.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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