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AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) 1994 RELATING TO THE MODIFICATION OF CONCESSIONS ON ALL THE TARIFF RATE QUOTAS INCLUDED IN THE EU SCHEDULE CLXXV AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

A. Letter from the European Union

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour of referring to the negotiations and consultations which took place between the European Union (the "Union") and the People's Republic of China ("China") in accordance with Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on tariff rate quotas included in the European Union Tariff Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union as communicated to WTO Members in Document G/SECRET/42/Add.2.

As a result of these negotiations, China and the Union agree to conclude the negotiations on the following basis:

1. Without prejudice to future negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 and for the purposes of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union only, China agrees with the principle and methodology of apportioning the scheduled quantitative commitments in the form of tariff rate quotas of the Union that included the United Kingdom whereby there is an apportioned quantity taken on by the Union that no longer includes the United Kingdom, with the remainder of the quantity taken on by the United Kingdom.
2. In respect of the tariff rate quotas where China has negotiating or consultation rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, China agrees and is satisfied with the proposed tariff rate quota quantity commitments as set out in Document G/SECRET/42/Add.2 taken on by the Union after the withdrawal of the United Kingdom, subject to paragraph 3.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2, with respect to the tariff rate quotas set out in the Annex to this Letter, China and the Union agree to the changes to scheduled commitments as set out therein.
4. These arrangements do not prejudice negotiations and consultations between the Union and other WTO Members holding negotiating or consultation rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994, as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union as communicated to WTO Members. As a result of those negotiations and consultations, the Union may consider a change to the shares and quantities set out in the Annex to this Letter or those in document G/SECRET/42/Add.2. In the event of such a change with regard to a prior tariff rate quota commitment of the Union for which China has a negotiating or consultation right, the Union shall consult China with a view to seeking a mutually satisfactory outcome before proceeding to any such change, without prejudice to each party's rights under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994.

The Union and China shall notify each other of the completion of their internal procedures for the entry into force of this Agreement. In the case of the Union, the written notification shall be sent to the Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last notification.

I have the honour to propose that this Letter and your Government's confirmation shall together constitute an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the People's Republic of China, including for the purposes of Article XXVIII:3(a) and (b) of the GATT 1994. This Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish and Chinese languages, each text being equally authentic.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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ANNEX

Tariff Rate Quotas of the European Union that no longer includes the United Kingdom

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B. Letter from the People's Republic of China

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I hereby have the honour to express my Government's agreement with the above letter.

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 For Folkerepublikken Kina
 Für die Volksrepublik China
 Hiina Rahvavabariigi nimel
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 For the People's Republic of China
 Pour la République populaire de Chine
 Thar ceann Dhaon-Phoblacht na Síne
 Za Narodnu Republiku Kinu
 Per la Repubblica popolare cinese
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 Kinijos Liaudies Respublikos vardu
 A Kínai Népköztársaság részéről
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 Voor de Volksrepubliek China
 W imieniu Chińskiej Republiki Ludowej
 Pela República Popular da China
 Pentru Republica Populară Chineză
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