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Dear Professor Fels

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 2000 concerning the investigation the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is carrying out into the Australia to South East Asia Trade Facilitation Agreement.

I agree with the approach proposed in your letter to investigate and report on the capacity and frequency of services (in accordance with subparagraph 10.45 (a) (iv) (B) of Part X) in addition to the matters referred to in subparagraph 10.45 (a) (iv) (A) concerning efficient and economical services.

I appreciate the promptness with which the Commission has embarked on the investigation and I will ensure that my Department provides whatever support is necessary to the Commission during its investigation.

Yours sincerely

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