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Your Reference:

Our Reference:

8 March 2018

H.E. J. Jayasiri
Secretary General
Ministry of International Trade and Industry
Malaysia

Dear Secretary General

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 March 2018, which reads as follows:

"In connection with the signing on this date in Santiago, Chile, of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the "Agreement"), and in the context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement signed on 4 February 2016 in Auckland ("TPP"), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understanding reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam during the course of negotiations on the Agreement:

The Governments of Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam confirm their intention to maintain the following mutual understanding reached in connection with the signature of the TPP:

- 1. Understanding regarding biodiversity and traditional knowledge (Signed by His Excellency Mustapa Mohamed and The Honourable Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, dated 4 February 2016).*

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming this understanding constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam."

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the mutual understanding reached between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam during the course of negotiations on the Agreement, and that your letter and this letter in reply will constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erywan Pehin Yusof', written in a cursive style.

DATO ERYWAN PEHIN YUSOF
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade