

**AMENDMENT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – CENTRAL AMERICA –
UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

The Governments of the United States of America and the Republic of El Salvador, the Parties to the Dominican Republic – Central America – United States Free Trade Agreement done at Washington August 5, 2004, hereinafter “the Agreement,”

RECOGNIZING the significant efforts that signatories have made to adopt measures necessary to implement the Agreement;

DESIRING to facilitate entry into force of the Agreement at an early date for as many signatories as possible;

ACTING in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 22.2 of the Agreement;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 22.5, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, regarding entry into force, is amended to read as follows:

“2. Thereafter, this Agreement shall enter into force for any other signatory on such date as the signatory and the United States shall specify in an exchange of diplomatic notes certifying that the signatory has completed its applicable legal procedures. Promptly after completing the exchange of diplomatic notes, the signatory shall notify the Depository in writing of the date the Agreement shall enter into force for it. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Agreement shall not enter into force for any signatory after two years from the entry into force of the Agreement.”

This Amendment shall take effect on the date on which the Parties have notified the Depository in writing that they have approved it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Amendment.

DONE, at Washington in English and Spanish, on this 10th day of March, 2006.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR: