TRADE NEGOTIATOR PLEDGE

As a condition, and in consideration, of my employment in the United States Government as a trade negotiator, which is a position invested with the public trust, I commit myself to the following obligations, which I understand are binding on me and are enforceable under law:

1. I will not, within five years after termination of my personal and substantial participation in a trade negotiation, represent, aid or advise any foreign government, foreign political party or foreign business entity with the intent to influence a decision of any officer or employee of any executive agency, in carrying out his or her official duties.

2. I acknowledge that the Executive order entitled "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees," issued by the President on January 20, 1993, which I have read before signing this document, defines certain of the terms applicable to the foregoing obligations and sets forth the methods for enforcing them. I expressly accept the provisions of that Executive order as a part of this agreement and as binding on me. I understand that the terms of this pledge are in addition to any statutory or other legal restrictions applicable to me by virtue of Federal Government service.

_____ _____ _____, 19_____

Signature **Date**

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Print or type your full name (Last, first, middle -- spell out each fully)

Privacy Act Statement

Executive Order 12834 entitled "Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Appointees," issued by the President on January 20, 1993 (and published at 58 Federal Register 5911-5916 on 1/22/93), requires every trade negotiator (who is not a senior appointee) in every executive agency appointed on or after January 20, 1993 to sign this pledge prior to personally and substantially participating in a trade negotiation. This pledge establishes a contractual commitment regarding your activities after your personal and substantial participation in a trade negotiation has ceased. If there is a violation or apparent violation of this pledge, this pledge may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or any other appropriate Federal agency charged with the responsibility of investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing the Executive order. Disclosure of this pledge can also be made to another Federal agency, a court or a party in court litigation or an administrative proceeding when the Government is a party as well as to another Federal agency in connection with your hiring when the pledge is relevant and necessary thereto. Further, this pledge may be disclosed to the Executive Office of the President and the Office of Government Ethics to enable them to carry out their responsibilities under Executive Order 12834 and other ethics oversight authorities. This pledge will be filed for permanent retention in your official personnel folder or equivalent folder. Your signing this pledge is a condition, and in consideration, of your employment in the United States Government as a trade negotiator, as defined in the Executive order.