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**RE: Pope & Talbot Inc. Government of Canada**

Further to the Tribunal's invitation, the United Mexican States (Mexico) makes this submission pursuant to Article 1128 of the NAFTA. Mexico's failure to comment further on any other issue raised in the proceeding should not be taken to constitute concurrence or disagreement with the positions advanced by the disputing parties.

Mexico fully concurs with Canada in the views expressed in Canada's letter, dated 1 October 2001, to the Tribunal regarding the NAFTA Free Trade Commission's interpretation, dated 31 July 2001, of Article 1105 and that interpretation's applicability to pending NAFTA Chapter Eleven arbitrations.

Mexico also concurs with Canada that Article 1103 cannot be relevant to, or constitute an issue with respect to, the interpretation of Article 1105.

Attentively,

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