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**CROSS BORDER TRADE IN SERVICES**  
**Side Letter on Immigration Measures**

H.E. Abdulla Hassan Saif  
Minister of Finance and National Economy

Dear Minister Saif:

In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (the "Agreement"), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached by the Governments of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Bahrain regarding the Agreement:

No provision of this Agreement shall be construed as imposing any obligation on a Party regarding its measures concerning immigration (including with respect to visas) or, except as provided in Chapter Fifteen (Labor), the right to secure employment in the territory of a Party.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that your Government shares this understanding.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick

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The Honourable Robert B. Zoellick  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I have the honor to confirm receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

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I have the further honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding.

Sincerely,

Abdulla Hassan Saif