

January 19, 2006

H.E. Maqbool Bin Ali Sultan
Minister of Commerce and Industry
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Sultanate of Oman

Dear Mr. Minister:

In connection with the signing on this date of the United States-Oman 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 Sultanate of Oman regarding Chapter Nine (Government Procurement) of the Agreement:

In the case of the Sultanate of Oman, the Administrative Judicature Court is the impartial authority for purposes of Article 9.11.2; and the remedies available in, and the procedures applicable to, that court currently satisfy the requirements of Article 9.11.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman