

**AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 22.5.2 OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC –
CENTRAL AMERICA – UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

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

RECOGNIZING that the Republic of Costa Rica is a signatory to the Agreement and recognizing the significant efforts that Costa Rica has made to adopt measures necessary to implement the Agreement;

RECOGNIZING that Costa Rica will not be able to complete its applicable legal procedures, including the adoption of measures necessary to implement the Agreement, by October 1, 2008;

DESIRING to authorize and encourage the entry into force of the Agreement for Costa Rica in the near future; and

ACTING in accordance with Article 22.5.2 of the Agreement, as amended;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

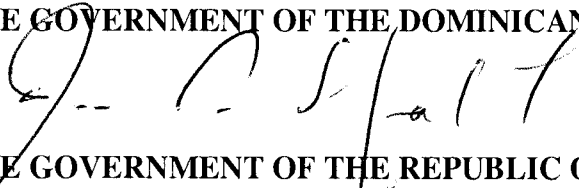
The Agreement may enter into force for the Republic of Costa Rica after October 1, 2008, but not later than January 1, 2009, in the manner specified in Article 22.5.2 of the Agreement, as amended.

This agreement shall be effective as of this date.

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

DONE, at Washington in English and Spanish, on this 30th day of September, 2008.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR:



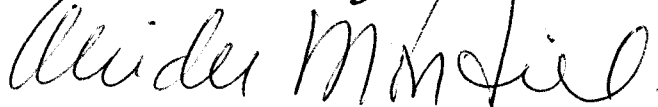
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA:



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

