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Mr. Guy J. Pratte  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: CGA Manitoba Complaint Against Ontario  
Under the Agreement on Internal Trade  
Your File: 32646-0**

In my capacity of Manitoba Screener under the Agreement on Internal Trade, I received on February 1<sup>st</sup> instant the request of your client for permission to commence Person-to-Government dispute resolution proceedings with Ontario with respect to Ontario's licensing regime for public accountants.

I also received an 18 page memorandum plus four annexes being the relevant legislation, correspondence and a decision of the Manitoba Queen's Bench Court as well as the decision of the appellate tribunal pertaining to that Queen's Bench decision.

I have perused all material. I have also re-read Chapter 7 of the Agreement.

I have to deal with a dispute with Ontario in respect to its licensing regime for public accountants and its application or lack of it with respect to Manitoba Certified General Accountants.

The issue is live and of importance to that profession.

I am satisfied that all conditions for such application have been met. I am also satisfied that the application is not frivolous or vexatious and has not been commenced merely to harass the Ontario Association or its legislation.

There is a reasonable case of denial of benefits to those accountants which denial warrants an investigation and disposal of the issue by a properly constituted panel and certainly not by me.

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Permission is hereby granted to commence dispute resolution proceedings pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade, namely Labour Mobility.

Yours truly,

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