

Washington, D.C.
September 14, 2004

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

Dear Minister Saif:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the United States of America and the Kingdom of Bahrain regarding Chapter Eleven (Financial Services) of the Free Trade Agreement between our Governments signed this day:

In the context of Bahrain's review of the regulatory framework for the insurance sector, Bahrain shall ensure that any laws, regulations, and rules that are developed as a result of the review will permit U.S. insurance suppliers to sell their insurance products through independent agents.

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

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick

September 14, 2004

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The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I am pleased to receive your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.”

I have the honor to confirm that the understanding referred to in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an integral part of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Abdulla Hassan Saif