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Mrs. Erica Pereira  
Procedural Clerk  
House of Commons' Standing Committee  
on Foreign Affairs and International Development

**Correction by André Laliberté to the testimony of May 12, 2022, for the Parliament Community on Foreign Affairs:**

Dear Mrs. Pereira, the correction below is about my response to a question that was asked at 17: 26 by Mrs. Tracy Gray:

“With Taiwan expressing interest in and applying to join the trans-Pacific partnership, the CPTPP, I was wondering if you had any thoughts on how Canada could support Taiwan's bid to join this trade agreement.”

I would like to slightly edit my reply, as follows (the first paragraph remains unchanged):

“Taiwan qualifies already. There's no question about that. China does not qualify, so we have an obvious political issue here, except that we already have some international or transnational agreements where you have membership that is not limited to states. For example, we have Taiwan's customs territory in the World Trade Organization.

Because the CPTPP includes states as well as separate customs territories, I believe we should accept Taiwan's application to join the CPTPP. I believe that.”

I thank you very much for looking into this.

Best regards,

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