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Dear Charles,

Toronto Economic Summit: DTI Proposed Fur Labelling Order

We promised to provide an update on the draft DTI fur labelling Order after OD(E) yesterday.

The Solicitor General has said that the Order would not sustain a challenge either in the Community or in the UK Courts. In the light of this, OD(E) concluded that the Order should be withdrawn and further action deferred, and that in contacts with the Canadians we should say that our concern about the use of leg traps remained but that the Order had been withdrawn on legal grounds. The DTI will be confirming this decision in a PQ on Monday; they are already confirming it to the press.

Now over,

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