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Public Service Staff
Relations Act

Before the Public Service
Staff Relations Board

BETWEEN

THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS

Bargaining Agent

and

TREASURY BOARD

Employer

**RE: ALTERATION IN THE PROCESS FOR
RESOLUTION OF A DISPUTE
Foreign Service Group**

Before: Joseph W. Potter, Vice-Chairperson

(Heard without an oral hearing)

DECISION

[1] In *Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers v. Treasury Board* (142-2-326, May 10, 1999), the Board confirmed the certification of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (bargaining agent) as the bargaining agent of the following bargaining unit (bargaining unit):

*All employees of the Employer in the Foreign Service Group
as defined in the Canada Gazette on March 27, 1999.*

[2] On May 14, 2003, the bargaining agent applied to the Board to record an alteration in the process for resolution of a dispute that is applicable to the bargaining unit. The bargaining agent specified that the process of referral of a dispute to conciliation shall now be the process for resolution of any dispute to which it may be a party in respect of the bargaining unit.

[3] Pursuant to section 39 of the *Public Service Staff Relations Act* (Act), the Board hereby records the process of referral of a dispute to conciliation as the process for resolution of a dispute specified by the bargaining agent.

[4] The process for resolution of a dispute hereby recorded by the Board shall be the process applicable to the bargaining unit for the resolution of all disputes from the day on which any notice to bargain collectively in respect of the bargaining unit is given next following May 14, 2003, and remains in effect until the process for resolution of a dispute is again altered pursuant to section 39 of the Act.

**Joseph W. Potter,
Vice-Chairperson**

OTTAWA, June 19, 2003.