



## CANADA'S STAND

Canada strongly supports the focus on the concerns of developing countries in the Doha Declaration. The Government of Canada will continue to champion greater access for developing countries to the markets of the world because it sees liberalized trade, rather than protectionism, as the best way to reduce poverty in developing countries.

This is in line with Canada's approach to developing country assistance, which includes providing technical support for trade negotiations and economic reforms, strengthening the private sector and the legal and institutional environment, and building up human resources through support to key social programs like health, education and training.

In March 2002, Canada contributed \$1.3 million to the WTO for trade-related technical assistance for developing countries.

Canada's trade policy complements its efforts in other institutions, such as the G8 process. Canada is host of the June 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta, and it has promised that the development needs of Africa will be central to the Summit's work. Personal representatives of leaders from each of the G8 countries are working with African leaders on a concrete action plan for Africa.

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