

is set aside for brief private meetings between attendees, the Minister and his delegates.

### **Informal Gatherings**

Occasionally, the WEF initiates informal gatherings of government and/or business leaders on topical economic issues. For example, such a gathering on international trade was held in Lausanne in November 1984, bringing together 17 ministers, including Hon. G. Regan of Canada, William Brock of the United States, Arthur Dunkel of GATT, and Kurt Furgler of Switzerland.

### **Annual Report On Internal Competitiveness**

This report receives wide international attention. The WEF releases its report in Canada through a working arrangement with the Canadian Manufacturers Association. The 1986 report was released in the fall of 1986 to reflect as much 1985 data as possible. It ranked Canada sixth on the ladder of international competitiveness following, the year before, a previous jump from eleventh place.