

satisfied that the U.S. proposals are clearly understood and the implications for Canada have been fully considered by Cabinet, a decision will be taken. As in all areas of negotiations, the mandate of the negotiators is determined by Cabinet and discussed with First Ministers and the provinces. My colleagues and I regularly review all aspects of these negotiations.

Let me say in closing that the opposition Parties do a disservice to the people of Canada. They are making baseless accusations and raising unnecessary fears. I suggest that Members opposite let us and the negotiators get on with the job of securing Canada's future through a free trade agreement in our best interests. Canada will judge whether a deal is in the national interest.