

Let me begin by outlining very briefly the main accomplishments of the deal.

In the U.S.-Canada Trade Agreement, we have resolved to:

- phase out all tariffs between us over 10 years;
- significantly liberalize trade in energy and agriculture;
- reaffirm our commitment to the Auto Pact and further strengthen the auto industries on both sides of the border;
- establish, for the first time in history, a set of rules governing trade in services;
- expand opportunities to compete for government business in each other's country;
- provide secure and non-discriminatory treatment for each other's investors; and
- establish a binding, binational way of settling trade disputes.

These are the central points of the Agreement over-all. Each point represents a positive step forward for both countries. There is not a single point that could be cast as a win for one side and a loss for the other. In this deal, everyone wins.

For an example, let's look at the issue of tariff elimination. Although much of U.S.-Canada trade is already duty-free, there remain significant tariff barriers that impede our bilateral commerce.

This Agreement will not only liberalize the remaining trade that is currently impeded by tariff barriers, but it will also open up an array of new trade opportunities not currently available to exporters on both sides of the border.

Trade naturally tends to pass through tariff valleys. The restrictive effect of the existing tariffs will only be fully realized once all tariffs have been removed and all trade flows freely across the border.