North American Free Trade Negotiations

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- e) automobiles
- f) other industrial sectors (including energy, and textiles and apparel)
- II Trade Rules
 - a) safeguards
 - b) subsidies and trade remedies
 - c) standards (including sanitary and phytosanitary, food safety, and norms for industrial products)
- III Services
 - a) principles
 - b) financial
 - c) insurance
 - d) land transportation
 - e) telecommunications
 - f) other services
- IV Investment
- V Intellectual Property
- VI Dispute Settlement

Ministers also agreed to accept the offer of the United States to host the next meeting on August 18-20, 1991 in Seattle, Washington. They established a work program to guide officials in the interval between the Toronto and Seattle ministerial meetings. During this period, Chief Negotiators met twice (Washington, July 8-9, and Mexico City, August 6-7) in order to take stock of negotiations and to develop advice for their respective Ministers. Ministers will hold their next scheduled meeting in Zacatecas, Mexico on October 26-28, 1991.

To date, most negotiating groups have met three times and a number have met as often as four times. Meetings of the working groups are rotated between the three countries with the order of rotation being established by mutual agreement at the working group level. The host country for each meeting is responsible for the preparation of the meeting agenda, including the distribution of any related documentation.

The detailed negotiations have made important progress during the summer. In their preliminary meetings, the working groups endeavoured to establish the ground rules that would guide their efforts in the negotiations proper. This involved establishing mechanisms for the exchange of information, either of a statistical or a regulatory nature, as well as early discussions focused on defining the parameters of the