

industrial strategy based on greater self-reliance and less dependence for Canadians.

Need for study

The Task Force on Canada-United States Trade Policy (membership includes representatives of main Canadian business organizations). The consensus of the Task Force was that the government's objective should be the widest practicable degree of trade liberalization. It believed neither the sectoral nor functional approach would provide substantial results.

Members of the Task Force recognized the need for in-depth study of the implications of dismantling of trade barriers. Involvement of the provinces was of key importance, particularly since many of the non-tariff measures are of provincial origin. The task force urged that federal-provincial consultations be an integral part of the process.

Work towards consensus

Stelco Inc. (John D. Allan, President) proposed that all parties work to develop consensus in the U.S. and Canada that more secure access to the markets of each will allow manufacturing and service industries to develop facilities and programs to allow North America to regain its competitive lead on the rest of the world. "Canada should be seen as the ally, not the antagonist." Nations should talk of securing access to each other's "open" markets rather than giving the impression they are out to gain an advantage through so-called "free" trade or "enhanced" trade, Mr. Allan said.

Stelco suggested that a good start at achieving a closer trading relationship with the U.S. could come from establishing a joint commission. This body would be designed to be the focal