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has coincided with significant economic growth and job creation in Canada. These gains highlight the importance of secure market access for Canada's overall prosperity. While Canadians have already realized many benefits from NAFTA, the Government of Canada will not rest on its laurels. Indeed, NAFTA, with its ongoing working groups and implementation commitments, is in many ways a living document that holds much scope for achieving further market access improvements.

My pledge to Canadians is that the Government of Canada will continue to work to reduce barriers in foreign markets. We will also continue our efforts to promote Canada—including our goods and services as well as our attractiveness as a site for investment—abroad. These efforts, combined with our growing reputation for excellence, will ensure our continued success in producing jobs and growth and thus contribute to the continued prosperity of Canadians.

