

4. The Minister of Finance will introduce legislation which will permit the program to be implemented by mid-1986.
5. An outline of the major provisions of Caribbean duty-free trade has been prepared and is available for distribution.

In addition to the provisions for duty-free access, arrangements will be made to resolve the problems faced by Caribbean rum producers on labelling and bottling in Canada, as well as improved access to the Canadian market. A clause will be added to the Canada-Caricom Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement with respect to labelling and the facilitation of marketing of Caribbean rum in Canada.

A program to strengthen the exporting capabilities of the region will be established under Caribbean with particular emphasis on the Canadian market. This program will include seminars for Caribbean diplomatic and commercial personnel which will focus on ways and means of developing markets in Canada for Caribbean products. At the same time, a pilot project will be started to develop a sourcing directory to provide an inventory of Commonwealth Caribbean manufacturing and export capacity. Funding for the seminars and pilot project will be provided by the Canadian International Development Agency. In addition, a system will be established to enable Caribbean trade commissioners to receive assistance with their sales efforts in Canada from the regional offices of the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion.

Caribbean will also provide further training assistance by making available through the Canadian International Development Agency, at least fifty new scholarships for the region. These will be in addition to the existing scholarship programs.

Negotiation of double taxation treaties will be undertaken, on a priority basis, with those Commonwealth Caribbean countries with whom such bilateral agreements are not currently in place and would be appropriate.

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