

We have undertaken broader preparations for these new rounds, - trade rounds with the world and with our neighbours. Never before in Canadian history has there been nationwide consultation. We have established a national advisory group and Jim Kelleher will soon announce sectoral advisory groups. We will have the benefit in any negotiations of people with hands-on experience.

We are in addition breaking Canadian practice by establishing a new way to make the country work together. We are establishing formally for the first time the principle that there will be full participation by the provincial governments in these negotiations. That has never been tried before.

We believe that the provinces have a right to be heard when there are questions affecting their jurisdiction. Our view is that rather than use jurisdiction as a fighting matter, we should recognize from the beginning that there is a common interest in moving Canada forward.

If we have learned one thing in the last 12 years, it is that we have had enough of situations in which federal and provincial governments meet only to fight. We are one country and the way that we can act as a country is if we stop feuding about who has what right over what field and begin to work together.

It is not going to be easy to put that principle into practice. But we believe it is going to be far more fruitful to start that principle, than to proceed on the old divisive principle of trying to hide behind jurisdiction.

Ladies and gentlemen, Canada is a trading nation. A little more than 30 percent of our Gross National Product comes from exports. For comparison, Japan's figure is 15 percent, one half of ours, and the U.S. figure is 10 percent, one third of Canada's. Of the seven nations that gather each spring for the Economic Summit of developed countries, only the Federal Republic of Germany depends on exports more than we do.

The response of Canadians to the famine in Africa demonstrates beyond any question the determination of the people of this country to be part of the world. It also shows that there are developments in this world to which we are not immune, from which we cannot run away.