

"Since we came to office in September 1984, the government has followed a comprehensive, consistent and credible program for economic renewal. The goal is clear: to revitalize the Canadian economy and create more productive and higher quality jobs for Canadians. Achieving this goal requires confident producers and an efficient and flexible economy, one that can continue to go head-to-head with the world's best and compete on equal terms....

"Canada is now the only major industrial country without secure access to a large, high-income market; the Free Trade Agreement will provide enhanced and more secure access to the huge U.S. marketplace. The Free Trade Agreement will provide greater opportunities for economies of scale in Canadian production and marketing and this will encourage greater productivity and stimulate innovation. In short, the Agreement will lead to a more efficient and lower-cost Canadian economy. A stronger and more productive economy will allow us to better support our social programs and further advance our cultural identity....

"This Free Trade Agreement reflects the confidence and determination of those who have a forward looking vision for

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