

To workers displaced for any reason...Free Trade or otherwise...the government offers a wide range of training, job search and relocation programs under the \$1.5 billion Canadian Jobs Strategy. And, as the Government has stated repeatedly, we will ensure that these services are available for any Canadian who needs them.

To ensure that we are doing all that needs to be done, the Government appointed the Advisory Council on Adjustment chaired by Jean de Grandpré to assess whether further measures are needed and, if so, what they should be.

Canada is one of the world's greatest trading nations. Three million jobs in this country depend on trade, more than two million of them on exports to the United States.

This Government has sought to build on the system of international trade rules in a way that creates new opportunities for increased prosperity in all regions of Canada. In doing so, we have pursued a two-track policy in trade negotiations, to liberalize trade bilaterally with our largest partner, the United States, and to seek improved multilateral rules for global trade under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Progress multilaterally can be difficult given the diversity of interests among the almost 100 member states in the GATT, as we found recently at the meetings in Montreal. However, we have achieved the Free Trade Agreement bilaterally with the United States, which was negotiated under and will operate within the framework of GATT rules.

It is now time to get on with the tasks of implementing the Free Trade Agreement and of working with Canadians to maximize benefits under the Agreement.

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