

- has called for the elimination of agricultural export subsidies and a reduction in tariffs on forest products, which affect the ability of exporting countries to manage their forests in a sustainable manner. Canada has also called for further liberalization of trade in environmental goods and services.
- supports improved co-operation between the WTO and United Nations organizations, including the United Nations Environment Program, as well as with international financial, environmental, and sustainable development organizations, with a view to helping developing countries meet their WTO obligations.

With respect to recommendation 38, the Government believes it is essential to integrate trade and environment policy by increasing coordination among its ministries. In this context, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade is coordinating policy formulation through consultations with a broad range of departments, including Environment Canada and Health Canada. Canadian delegations to the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment include representatives from Environment Canada and other departments. Moreover, Canadian negotiating teams for multilateral environmental agreements often include experts from outside the federal government.

Labour

Canada is promoting, as recommendation 39 suggests, global adherence to two important International Labour Organization (ILO) instruments: the *1998 ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work* and the *1999 ILO Convention Concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour*. Canada is also active in exploring labour issues at the WTO, the United Nations, the OECD, and other important fora.

The recent interest in, and proliferation of, voluntary codes of business has created new avenues for promoting respect for internationally agreed labour standards. Canada is encouraging and facilitating the development of voluntary codes by Canadian businesses. Private initiatives include codes for the international