

These three developments will make an important contribution to Canadian participation in the Indonesian market and to expanding our economic partnership.

Working closely together will benefit us both in a larger context as well, that is the context of the ongoing round of multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

I have come to Jakarta directly from Bali where I attended the Asia/Pacific Trade Conference where the new MTN Round was extensively discussed. Our main purpose was to instill a greater sense of urgency in the negotiations. To this same end Canada has offered to host a mid-term review of progress in the MTN, because it is important for all countries that we achieve early results.

Canada and Indonesia, along with its ASEAN partners, must continue to work together to ensure a successful outcome to the GATT negotiations, especially in the resource and agricultural sectors. Here I would note that Canada and Indonesia are members of the Cairns Group of Fairs Agricultural Traders which has focussed attention on the need for early progress in the agricultural sector.

The next few months will be critical in determining whether progress can be made on an early resolution of the crisis in world agricultural trade.

On a more general note, countries at all stages of development have vital interests at stake in the Uruguay Round. And it is important that they participate fully to ensure their interests are fully taken into account. A major Canadian objective is to promote greater involvement of developing countries in the Uruguay Round.

To this end, in June last year, Canada undertook a second round of bilateral consultations in Jakarta as well as in other ASEAN capitals on the main MTN issues. In Geneva, we are also working closely with Indonesia's representatives on specific negotiating issues of importance to our two countries.

To underline our commitment to work with developing countries towards a positive outcome to the MTN, last year Canada arranged a special training tour across Canada for trade policy officials from all ASEAN countries. It is my conviction that this kind of cooperative activity will increase our mutual understanding and will help Canada and Indonesia to participate in these important negotiations as partners. We have a common cause in resisting the forces of