

ENERGY

The energy provisions of this Agreement provide a firm base to encourage further exploration and development of the North's oil and gas resources, setting the stage for greater Northern development.

Both sides have agreed to rules on restrictions on imports and exports of energy, including quantitative restrictions, taxes and minimum import or export price requirements. Export controls are allowed for reasons of short supply or conservation but the previous proportion of exported available supply must be available to the other country. This will provide secure market access. Both sides have also agreed to allow existing or future incentives for oil and gas exploration, development and related activities in order to maintain the reserve base for these energy resources.

COMMITMENTS KEPT

As promised throughout the negotiations, Canada has in no way compromised its current and future scope to support cultural development, nor its pursuit of valued and necessary social policies, such as health care and unemployment insurance. The Agreement meets the legitimate concerns expressed by the people of the North on these matters.

OBJECTIVE GAINED

In Parliament, Prime Minister Mulroney succinctly stated Canada's objective:

"It is to try to carve out a unique trading relationship with the United States of America that will create jobs, end trade harassment, introduce stability, eliminate trade barriers, enhance competitiveness, spur productivity and build an instrument of liberalized trade between the two greatest trading partners of the world. It will be an agreement that can serve as a model for all countries seeking relief from protectionism, growth in the Third World and more liberalized access to markets everywhere".

That objective has been reached. The work has just begun.