

FOREWORD

As background to its decision to initiate discussions with the United States to explore the scope and prospects for a new bilateral trade agreement, the government released a booklet containing an introduction to the issues involved as well as a number of selected documents and suggestions for further reading. In that booklet, the government noted that as part of its preparations for possible bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations, the Department of External Affairs commissioned a variety of studies by various government departments as well as outside experts. In order to stimulate an informed debate in Canada of the issues involved in trade negotiations, the Government has decided to make a number of these studies publicly available. This volume contains a series of studies on individual policy issues prepared by outside experts. Papers prepared by government analysts will remain confidential to the government as part of the analytical background to the preparation of more detailed negotiating positions.

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