

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this paper has been to provide background information and preliminary assessments regarding intellectual property issues which are relevant to the possible upcoming Canada/U.S. bilateral trade negotiations. The Quebec Declaration, itself, is not particularly instructive in terms of the specific issues which might be raised and, hence, identification of exact issues results from knowledge of the history of U.S./Canada relations on intellectual property matters.

Particular care has been taken to clarify American interests in these negotiations. Stronger intellectual property protection in Canada will not necessarily result in changes in the pattern of Canada/U.S. trade but it will ensure that some remuneration flows to the rights holders, the vast majority of whom reside in the United States. The U.S. is dissatisfied with progress being made in traditional intellectual property fora. Hence, seeking to have intellectual property placed on the bilateral agenda and on the agenda for the upcoming GATT in order to be able to use trade leverage to accomplish the goal of stronger international protection benefitting American nationals.