

- **Canada welcomes the reports by the APEC Eminent Persons Group and the Pacific Business Forum — advisory groups on trade and investment liberalization. The private sector has consistently urged governments to broaden the scope and step up the pace of liberalizing trade and investment in the region. We have carried this message to APEC meetings and discussions. Canada has also played a major role in exploring the development of an APEC dispute mediation service, one of the key recommendations of both groups.**
- **Canada values the input of the Canadian private sector into the APEC process. Canadians have made considerable contributions through high-level advisory groups such as the Eminent Persons Group and the Pacific Business Forum as well as through their ongoing participation in seminars, working groups and ministerial meetings.**