

- Technology Initiative; and
- Human Resources Initiative.

The Strategic Initiatives Fund would be used, subject to recommendations from an Industry Advisory Board, to support action plans arising out of the investigative stage of the sector campaign.

The Technology Initiative would consist of a Fisheries Products Technology Consortium, an Aquaculture Technology Consortium and a Further Products Utilization Fund. The Further Products Utilization Fund will address the development of new products from what is now called waste.

The Human Resources Initiative would not only promote personnel development programs at all levels, but would, if industry wished, see to the development of a permanent mechanism for dialogue within the industry on human resources issues, such as training and adjusting to technological change.

Your industry is already finding that co-operation and competition are not mutually exclusive. On the contrary, the capacity to do both is essential to adjusting to an ever-more competitive marketplace. Working together to meet the competition in the global marketplace, working together to meet our internal competitive challenges; in the past, we as Canadians have too often concerned ourselves with what divided us.

I am confident that as we are made to face increasingly stiff global competition we will realize the advantages of working together -- whatever our differences -- to make our country as prosperous as it can be.

This fall, the Government of Canada will be launching the Prosperity Initiative which will focus on five areas which are crucial to our ability to compete: learning, science and technology, investment, domestic markets and trade. Each raises questions. I want you and all Canadians to help me find the answers to those questions. A central part of the initiative is a three-part consultations program which will give all Canadians the chance to help Canada meet the competitive challenges ahead.

Some of you may be aware of the recent United Nations study which ranked Canada as the second best place to call home. I think, in our hearts, we all know that it is second to none. The Prosperity and Unity Initiatives are aimed at making that a reality. They are aimed at helping Canadians build a plan of action to secure Canada's future prosperity.

Together, we can pass a prosperous and united Canada on to our children.

Thank you.