It also marks progress on a Canada-Ontario Action Plan to improve the efficiency of the federation signed at the July 18 First Ministers' Meeting by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Premier Bob Rae.

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A copy of the MOU is attached.

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