

- Within Canada, because of the Constitutional division of legislative authority, there is a need for intergovernmental dialogue and cooperation. To facilitate Canada's possible participation in a multilateral dialogue, a joint federal-provincial task force to examine labour policies to address the adjustment pressures of globalization and global competition may be warranted. It is not too soon for trade and labour policymakers to start developing the appropriate expertise, implementing mechanisms for policy integration, and planning for the challenge of a future multilateral negotiation which encompasses labour issues.
- Canada has taken steps to improve the system of training and adjustment programs available for Canadian labour. The pressure of globalization and trade liberalization are such that this type of strategy needs to continue. However, adjustment pressures due to foreign competition as a result of globalization and trade liberalization should not be seen as fundamentally different from adjustment pressures arising from other reasons, such as shifts in consumer tastes, technological change, or firms going out of business or reducing their labour force for any other reason.