

GOOD, ESPECIALLY WHEN COMPARED WITH THAT WHICH PREVAILED DURING EARLIER GATT ROUNDS. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE ACTIVE ROLE THE CMA AND ITS MEMBERS HAVE PLAYED THUS FAR AND I KNOW I CAN CONTINUE TO COUNT ON YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT. IT WILL, OF COURSE BE APPRECIATED THAT, AS WE MOVE AHEAD, REQUIREMENTS OF COMPANY, ASSOCIATION AND NEGOTIATING CONFIDENTIALITY SET SOME BOUNDS ON WHAT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE FREE TO SAY. BUT WITHIN THESE UNDERSTANDABLE LIMITS, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS PRACTICABLE WITH THE PROVINCES AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR.

IF THE NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE BEING ESTABLISHED IS TO BE MET, WE ARE IN FOR A VERY BUSY PERIOD OVER THE COMING MONTHS. IN THE RUN-UP STAGE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS NEXT YEAR, WE WILL BE MAKING IT CLEAR BEYOND DOUBT TO OUR TRADING PARTNERS THAT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IS PREDICATED ON THE EXPECTATION OF A PACKAGE WHICH WILL PROVIDE BOTH MEANINGFUL BENEFITS AND FULL RECIPROCITY SO FAR AS CANADA IS CONCERNED. THESE ARE, AFTER ALL, THE RULES OF THE GAME ESTABLISHED IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION. ON TARIFFS, OUR OBJECTIVE IS, INTER ALIA, A TARIFF PLAN WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE CANADIAN SECTORAL OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING THE DE-ESCALATION OF