

I cannot emphasize too much the importance of this process. An institute like yours can make an important contribution because of the understanding you have of the international dimensions and realities in which we must operate. There is a tremendous role for you to play in helping to bridge the gap between that international environment and Canadian domestic realities and preoccupations to ensure that our responses to a changing global competitive environment are adequate and timely.

There is no doubt in my mind that Canada has the strength and resiliency to successfully confront this new and difficult period. I look forward to working with you in the future as we face this challenge.

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