

- A draft agreement on trade in services circulated in the summer of 1989 now has been refined and is expected to emerge in March with a deadline for initial commitments set for May, 1990.

## 7.2.2 Canada at the MTN:

Canada's objectives at the MTN are coincident with and complementary to the goals of the FTA. These objectives include:

- the improvement of market access for Canadian goods;
- clear and equitable rules for agricultural products;
- reforming the GATT system through:
  - improved dispute settlement mechanisms and
  - international monitoring of national trade policy; and
- developing new rules for trade in services, investment and intellectual property.

Many of these items have been dealt with in a bilateral context under the FTA and provide proof that agreement is possible, while others, still subject to further bilateral negotiation, may be speeded to conclusion by multilateral efforts, proposals, and agreements in the same areas.

Advisory panels that were established during the FTA negotiation, such as the ITAC and SAGITs, have been maintained and are now principally involved with the provision of advice on MTN issues to the federal government<sup>153</sup>

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<sup>153</sup> See Section 2.4.3.2 - ITAC and SAGITs, above.