

Canada is engaged in a number of initiatives to help developing countries integrate into the world trading system. Canadian assistance includes providing information programs about the WTO and the multilateral trading regime, encouraging export development and capacity building, and matching exporters in developing countries with market opportunities in Canada. Canada is providing over \$250 million for entrepreneurial capacity development and \$62 million for export development. A wide range of developing countries benefit from this assistance. For example, Canada contributes:

- \$950,000 to the International Trade Centre based in Geneva;
- \$3.2 million over five years to the Canadian Trade Facilitation Office;
- \$700,000 for the integration of the least developed countries of La Francophonie into the world trading system; and
- \$1.4 million over a five-year period for the Commonwealth Trade and Investment Access Facility. Small economies in the Commonwealth Caribbean are eligible for funding under this facility.

Regarding recommendations 44 and 45, the Government is taking every opportunity to encourage multilateral organizations — including the WTO, the World Bank, the IMF, and the United Nations — to work together on trade and development issues. Closer interaction between these organizations will help developing countries integrate into the international economy and meet their WTO obligations. The Government is consulting with other WTO Members on possible institutional and procedural measures in order to increase co-ordination and coherence between the activities of the WTO and other international organizations.

Recommendation 6 proposes that the Government support technical assistance programs to developing countries. Creating an environment conducive to investment is key to building greater capacity in trade and to attracting new technologies. Canada's aid programs support such efforts by promoting good governance as a critical ingredient to successfully promoting investment.

