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## DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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TRADE AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION PLANNING SYSTEM

Mission: WASHINGTON

Market: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Factors for Canadian exports not reaching market potential:

- Lack of promotion and advertising

- Limited appreciation/understanding of distribution system

- Performance of local agent or representative

In support of Canadian exports in this sector/sub-sector the mission is currently engaged in activities which include:

Activity:

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTERIZED DATABAS OF TERRITORY FURNITURE

REPS QUALIFIED TO HANDLE CDN LINES

Expected Results: IMPROVED BASE FOR REFERRAL & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

For the next fiscal year, the mission will carry out the following approved fairs and missions:

Activity:

MONTREAL MKTPLACE--JUNE

Expected Results: \$2M EST. SALES

Activity:

IIDEX--NOVEMBER

Expected Results: \$5.6M EST SALES

Activity:

TORONTO MKTPLACE--JANUARY

Expected Results: \$2M SALES

For the next fiscal year, the mission is planning to undertake the following new export support initiative(s) in this sector/sub-sector:

Activity: PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO MID-ATLANTIC FURNITURE MKT Expected Results: INCREASED SALES THROUGH GREATER AWARENESS OF MKT PRACTICES