

It is clear that improving and securing access to key markets is an important factor in ensuring continued prosperity for Canadians. That is why the Government of Canada remains so committed to bringing down barriers in key markets. In 2002, the Government will continue to pursue its objectives through multilateral and regional forums, bilaterally with key trading partners, and through the negotiation of new free trade agreements.

Among our key trade policy objectives for 2002 are:

- successfully resolving the softwood lumber dispute with the United States;
- ensuring the smooth flow of goods and services to our top market, the United States;
- resolving the dispute with Brazil regarding regional aircraft;
- making progress in the WTO negotiations (in particular, on agriculture) and in the FTAA negotiations; and
- concluding FTA negotiations with the Central America Four and Singapore.

The Government of Canada is pursuing the priorities outlined in this Report in full consultation with provincial and territorial governments, the business sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), citizen-based and public interest groups, and individual Canadians.

In addition to being a source of information on the Government's actions on a range of trade issues of importance to Canadians, the CIMAP Report is intended to stimulate informed debate among readers. I invite all interested Canadians to visit the Trade Negotiations and Agreements Web site at www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nacl/menu-e.asp to review this Report and other up-to-date information on Canada's trade policy agenda, and tell us what you think. Your comments and views will continue to inform and guide the Government in developing trade policies that protect Canadian interests and ensure our continued prosperity.

