

A SECOND IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL ISSUE WILL BE THE EXPANSION OF THE GATT TO NEW AREAS LIKE TRADE IN SERVICES, TRADE-RELATED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, AND INVESTMENT - REFORMS WHICH MIGHT HELP DIFFUSE THE TENSIONS WHICH HAVE ACCOMPANIED EXPORT-LED ASIAN GROWTH.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS TOWARDS A HIGH QUALITY GATT AGREEMENT ON SERVICES WITH STRONG PROVISIONS GOVERNING NATIONAL TREATMENT, NON-DISCRIMINATION, TRANSPARENCY AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES.

WHILE PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES AT THE MTN, WE ARE CONTINUING TO SEEK LIBERALIZATION THROUGH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND SERVICES SECTORS. INDEED, THIS IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY PURPOSES OF MY VISIT HERE THIS WEEK.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR MANULIFE TO CREATE A JOINT VENTURE INSURANCE OPERATION HERE IN KOREA AND FOR CANADIAN BANKS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE FULL SERVICE BRANCH NETWORKS.

WE ALSO EXPECT CANADA AND KOREA TO SIGN AN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT DURING THE VISIT WHICH WOULD CREATE DIRECT CANADA-KOREA FLIGHTS BY AIR CANADA IN 1991.

RETURNING TO AN EARLIER THEME, WE SEE THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AS HELPING TO REVERSE THE TIDE OF PROTECTIONISM BY SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR THE MTN. WE SEE THE PIONEERING WORK OF THE FTA AS A CATALYST FOR A STRENGTHENED MULTILATERAL TRADE SYSTEM.

AS A MIDDLE POWER WITH A SMALL DOMESTIC MARKET, IT IS CRITICAL FOR CANADA TO SUPPORT THE GOAL OF AN OPEN WORLD ECONOMY BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW IN MULTILATERAL TRADE.

WE ENCOURAGE KOREA TO EMBRACE THE SAME VIEW , NOT JUST FOR ITS LOGIC, BUT FOR ITS PRACTICAL BENEFITS.