

AS WE GO FORWARD LET US RECALL THIS SPIRIT. THE CANADA/U.S. TRADE AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 1935 OPENED A NEW CHAPTER IN OUR NATIONAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP. IT CONTAINED RISKS, BUT IT ALSO GAVE THOSE WITHOUT JOBS IN OUR COUNTRIES HOPE AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

A HALF CENTURY LATER IT IS TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD ONCE AGAIN AND RELAY THE FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. CANADIANS ARE READY FOR THE CHALLENGE. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION.

THIS IS A BOLD AND CHALLENGING INITIATIVE FOR CANADA, ONE WHICH HOLDS GREAT PROMISE FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. WE HAVE STATED OUR INTENTION CLEARLY. WE HAVE APPOINTED AN EXPERIENCED NEGOTIATOR. WE ARE READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE. WE HAVE BEEN HEARTENED BY YOUR PRESIDENT'S INITIAL RESPONSE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.