

substitution requirements) which significantly distort bilateral trade flows. The negotiation of product mandate, research and development, and technology transfer requirements with investors, however, will not be precluded.

The free flow of investment across the border will allow for the creation of new jobs and wealth in both Canada and the United States and will, therefore, ensure that Canada has the means to provide social and economic benefits to its own people and the ability to assert its national interests in a world of increasing economic interdependence. The hospitable investment environment in Canada created through the investment provisions, as well as by the operation of the trade Agreement as a whole, will ensure that adjustment and economic growth proceed in an efficient manner but one which is sensitive to the needs of individuals, regions and sectors.

A Good Deal for All of Canada

Every region and most industries in Canada will benefit from this deal. As the Prime Minister promised when he launched the initiative, our aim was to stimulate balanced economic development throughout the country. For producers, it will open the doors to a vast market ready for Canadian goods and services. For workers, it will mean not just better jobs, but jobs with a future as Canadian products continue to increase their share of the American market. The foundations now exist in every sector for the kind of success a free-trade agreement has already achieved for the auto industry.

The creation of the binational dispute settlement mechanism will ensure that Canadian industry gets a fair deal through U.S. trade remedy law. They now have recourse to a higher authority with a Canadian voice at the table. Through the elimination of tariffs, Canadians will gain enhanced access to the U.S. market; in a practical sense, the elimination and simplification of existing customs measures will make that access much easier.

We live in an era of constant economic change. Adjustment constantly takes place. Some dislocation is inevitable. This is why the Agreement will be phased in over 10 years so that Canadian workers and firms can gear up to take advantage of the new economic environment. At the same time, the Government will take the necessary actions to smooth the transition.