

Recommendations

1. The Canadian side indicated its intention to invite Korean government officials to brief them on the framework and implication of NAFTA clauses and to update them on recent developments in NAFTA implementation. The Korean side agreed to take advantage of this opportunity for exploring the practical and technical aspects in its efforts to increase Korea's possible linkage with NAFTA without obligating it to accede formally to NAFTA. The Korean side also welcomed the Canadian overture of information-sharing on the implementation process of NAFTA. The Canadian side will arrange a briefing at a mutually convenient time. Such occasions as the meetings of the Special Partnership Working Group may be used for this purpose.

2. The Canadian government will provide the Korean side, as appropriate and to the extent possible, with updated information on ongoing discussions with other NAFTA members on issues of interest to Korea, particularly on those likely to affect non-members.

2. At future officials meetings, both governments will continue to discuss options for increasing Korea's linkage with NAFTA and matters relating to the implementation that may affect Korea's trade with Canada and other NAFTA members.

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