In such areas as sophisticated transportation technology, Canada is renowned.

The NAFTA will provide new avenues for Canada and Mexico to match skills and knowledge to each other's needs.

It is certainly representative of the growing importance of the Canada-Mexico relationship that so many ministers are meeting here today.

These discussions will open new doors and chart new paths.

The relationship is growing. It is becoming more complex. We must work hard and with imagination to realize its full potential.

In short, we have much to do, and I am confident of our continued success.