

4. The needs of Canadian consumers and producers: Would expanding the scope for the participation of foreign suppliers in the domestic market enable Canadian consumers and producers to acquire higher quality and more competitively-priced services? How important is this?
5. Developing countries and the world trading system: Is the increased participation of developing countries in the services negotiations and the development of their services industries important for Canada?
6. The need for expanding GATS rules: How can we best preserve a balance between the integrity and legitimacy of our domestic regulations and/or avoid of unnecessary barriers to the participation of foreign services suppliers? Are there other elements of the framework of international trade rules that need to be expanded?

### **Consultations**

The GATS negotiations have just begun. Representatives of the federal and provincial-territorial governments are working together to seek the views of stakeholders across Canada to develop and shape a Canadian negotiating position. We will continue to ensure that all interested Canadians are kept up-to-date on the progress of Canada's services trade policy and the GATS negotiations, and continue to have the opportunity to provide their comments and views.

We encourage you to provide us with your suggestions on the best ways to keep you informed and to obtain your views throughout the negotiations. We welcome your participation in this consultation session and thank you in advance for helping to ensure that these negotiations support Canadian interests.

For further information on Canada's trade policy and international trade negotiations or to provide your comments and views, please consult the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/tna-nac> or the Canadian Government's website for the GATS negotiations at <http://services2000.ic.gc.ca>.