

the international legal framework within which inter-state conflict arising out of the trade/environment interface will need to be addressed. The basic principles enshrined in the GATT provide a sound basis upon which to build. The NAFTA negotiations provide an opportunity to begin to work out some of the practical difficulties involved. The answer to the question posed at the beginning, therefore, is yes. Trade negotiators and environmentalists can work together. Indeed, they have already started working together and the results to date are encouraging.