

4. Canada and the United States could establish a framework agreement.

"The choice for Canada is not between multilateral and bilateral approaches to trade, but how both avenues can be pursued in a mutually reinforcing manner", Mr. Kelleher said. "The objectives of our government are to secure and improve access for Canadian exporters, promote increased competitiveness in our domestic market and ensure a positive climate for investment and access to technology", the Minister said.

Stressing that the Paper is intended primarily to serve as the basis for consultations, the Minister said, "I wish to emphasize that the government is entering this consultative process with no pre-conceived conclusions".