

commitment to doing business in the region and will underpin the future of Canada-Pakistan relations.

I have spoken of Canada's desire to realize the full potential of our relationship with Pakistan. I am confident that with continued economic reforms in Pakistan we will see the expansion of our economic relations. But this will not happen by itself. It will require a continued spirit of co-operation between our governments to facilitate increased commercial activity. Above all, it will require imagination, initiative and a concerted effort on the part of our respective business communities to capitalize on the opportunities that exist.

Thank you.