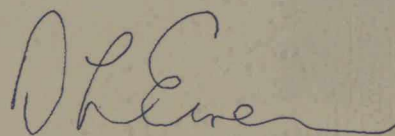


to the movement of skilled workers, goods and services. We are making Canada more attractive to foreign investment. And we are making strategic infrastructure investments to improve the flow of people, goods and services across Canadian roads and bridges, and through our ports, airports and gateways.

*Advantage Canada* includes a plan — the Global Commerce Strategy — to more aggressively engage the world beyond our borders. The Global Commerce Strategy is a focused course of action for making Canada a partner of choice for international business by negotiating improved access to international markets, capital, technology and talent, and by connecting Canadian business with expanding global opportunities.

I look forward to working with all sectors of Canada's economy to strengthen Canada's competitive advantages for global engagement and to secure our prosperity well into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Levesque". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.