

- o Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
- o Investment Canada,
- o National Energy Board,
- o Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada,
- o Standards Council of Canada,
- o Status of Women Canada, and
- o Supply and Services Canada.

4.2 Private Sector Activities

Other potential sources of information include:

- o Trade associations - through member feedback, surveys, monitoring of industry data.
- o Research institutes - through conferences, analytical studies, surveys.
- o Provincial governments - through their monitoring activities and special studies.
- o Universities - through independent research, student theses.

As the FTA matures, it should be expected that the information base will grow exponentially, at least until someone has said the "final word". Some of the sources will also be in the United States, particularly in those universities with a Canadian studies program or the trade associations with a strong international trade focus.

4.3 Bringing It Together

The FTA is of sufficient importance that an effort to bring the findings together periodically would be worthwhile. The suggested approach is an annual review of the FTA, with a common framework over time, augmented by special reports on different facets of the Agreement.

The review should include a synopsis of other efforts to assess the FTA, and draw heavily on the ongoing monitoring and research done by the various government departments, noted above.

By necessity, the first annual review will be sketchy; over time both the completeness and quality should improve. If more timely reporting is a requirement then a Quarterly Update could be added.