

While the Montreal agreement marks an important and necessary milestone, a final agreement of substance on rules for services in trade will still require considerable effort by all participating nations. The Canadian government, through the Sectoral Advisory Groups on International Trade (SAGIT), established by the Multilateral Trade Negotiations Office (MTNO) and the International Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC), will continue to consult the engineering industry for its advice and views as these negotiations evolve and the final outcome begins to crystalize.

As a guide to continuing GATT negotiations, some key excerpts of the Montreal agreement on services and an outline of the agreed upon schedule for future work follow:

Components (Actual Text)

° Ministers agree that work would proceed, without excluding any sector of trade in services on a priori basis, with a view to reaching agreement on the sectoral coverage under the multilateral framework in accordance, inter alia, with the considerations that coverage should permit a balance of interests for all participants, that sectors of export interest to developing countries should be included, that certain sectors could be excluded in whole or in part for certain over-riding considerations, and that the framework should provide for the broadest possible coverage of sectors of interest to participants.