

Canada will also seek to use this OECD Ministerial to give impetus to the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in the GATT in Geneva. The MTN has a critical role to play in liberalizing trade and in combatting increasing protectionism which is posing a serious threat to the multilateral trading system. Miss Carney will urge early action in Geneva to address the urgent need to update, strengthen, extend and liberalize a GATT for now and into the 21st century. The Minister will also press ministers from other OECD countries to resist the short term temptations of protectionism which could jeopardize the negotiations.