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As international trade and investment have led to improved opportunities and prosperity over time while simultaneously influencing and touching on day-by-day developments for each and every one of us, issues in the international economic domain are becoming increasingly of interest to Canadians. This important aspect of our economy has led to an increased demand from those in all walks of life for continuing and comprehensive information and analysis on Canada's international trade and investment performance. This document, prepared and published annually, is intended to help fill this demand. It reviews and analyzes key developments and outcomes with respect to Canada's international trade and investment in 2001 against the background of economic trends and performance at home and abroad.

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