

NOTES FOR AN ADDRESS BY
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CANADIAN CHEMICAL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
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A. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

MAY I BEGIN BY SAYING HOW GLAD I AM TO BE BACK ON HOME TURF AFTER TWO WEEKS WORKING MY WAY THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE FOR MEETINGS ON THE MTN WITH MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN KEY CAPITOLS. AND I AM HAPPY THAT, AS ONE OF MY FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS ON RETURN, I HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CANADIAN CHEMICAL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION - A GROUP WHICH HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH IT APPROACHES THE CURRENT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. I COMMEND YOUR ASSOCIATION FOR THE CLEAR PRESENTATION OF ITS MTN INTERESTS AND CONCERNS AND FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ITS VIEWS IN GOOD TIME TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS GOVERNMENTAL POSITIONS ARE PREPARED.

A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO, I WAS PERSONALLY ABLE TO SIT DOWN FOR A TWO OR THREE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH BRUCE MACDONALD, RUSS ALLGOOD, CHRIS CONRADI AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR GATT COMMITTEE. THAT OCCASION (AND THE SUMMARY DOCUMENTATION KINDLY PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING) GAVE ME, I BELIEVE, A REASONABLE FEEL FOR THE SOPHISTICATED EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT INTO IDENTIFYING: (I) THE INDUSTRY'S SPECIFIC SENSITIVITIES TO CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IMPORTS; (II) THOSE AREAS WHERE YOU FEEL SOME CANADIAN TARIFF CONCESSIONS MIGHT, AS NECESSARY, BE MADE;