

It is Canada's intention to extend the same benefits to the Palestinians that Israel will enjoy under the Free Trade Agreement. We are examining ways to achieve this with the Palestinian Authority.

In support of this new agreement, both ministers also announced the formation of a business advisory group to function within the Canada-Israel Joint Economic Commission. The mandate of the new group is to produce innovative approaches to stimulate business and to provide advice to the two governments on trade issues.

Additional information on the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement is available through the Internet under "international business development" at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca> or through FaxLink at (613) 944-4500. Information is also available upon request through the InfoCentre by telephone at (613) 944-4000 and by fax at (613) 996-9709.

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