

As you undoubtedly already know, the United States Congress has already passed all of the legal provisions required for the full and complete implementation of the agreements negotiated in Geneva. This is a crucial step in ensuring the coming into force of these agreements internationally. However, the true worth of the agreements will hinge essentially on the determination demonstrated by the signatories in their effective and equitable implementation, and on the concrete action taken to that end. For our part, we will in this regard, be watching closely the actions of our trading partners (including, of course, the USA). We can take for granted that others will be doing the same thing vis-à-vis Canada. Taken together this will help ensure a climate for full and efficient application of these accords at the international level. In this task we will be counting on inputs from all interested parties, including the private sector and the provinces.

If I may speak personally for a moment, the role I have been called upon to play over the past few years as the Canadian Co-ordinator for the MTN negotiations has been an extremely enriching experience, because it has enabled me to come into direct and continuing contact with governments, both at the federal and provincial levels, as well as with business and labour. I have also had the