And both concepts are in evolution. For example, what we define today as environmentally sustainable development in terms of the atmosphere will change as more scientific evidence comes in. There will always be a need to advance the international consensus, just as we are now engaged in the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations.

GATT itself does not prevent regional movements toward free trade, such as the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement or the Single European Act of 1992. Furthermore, GATT has its own internal mechanisms for dispute mediation and resolution. Perhaps we could learn something from its operations.

Canada is now working, in many ways, to address the issue of climate change. We are working through the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to prepare for the negotiation of a framework convention on climate change. Our scientific leadership and environmental diplomacy will, we hope, contribute to the realization of a signed convention at the UN Conference on Environment and Development, to be held in Brazil in 1992.

Domestically, we are developing The Green Plan. On March 29, the government released a discussion document, seeking participation from all levels of society, and leading to the formulation of legislation, regulations, and new, improved programs on environmental matters. The principal theme of The Green Plan is to make Canada, by the year 2000, the industrial world's most environmentally friendly country.

At the recent meeting of the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Environment Ministers agreed to develop a comprehensive National Action Strategy for climate change. It would encompass strategies to limit and/or reduce greenhouse gas emissions, incorporate strategies appropriate for federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, as well as industry and, most importantly, individuals. The Canadian Strategy would provide a response to such reports as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Environment and other similar bodies. Furthermore, it builds upon actions already underway, including