

domestic intellectual property framework, and are consistent with the direction of Canada's intellectual property policies which encompass effective protection of owners' rights, appropriately balanced with reasonable access for users."

This standards submission follows Canada's September 1989 proposals on the enforcement of intellectual property rights, which provide the basis for effective and non-discriminatory international enforcement rules. In Canada's view, such a multilateral system of rules would replace unilateral action by individual countries. Canada supports wide participation in a Multilateral Trade Negotiations agreement on trade-related intellectual property.

The two sets of proposals were developed in consultation with representatives of the Canadian private sector and reflect their concerns about the protection of owners' rights, users' rights, trade distortions and the use of discriminatory and unilateral trade instruments.

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) is the cornerstone of the world trade system and of Canada's international trade policy. The Uruguay Round is the eighth major round of multilateral trade negotiations and it is expected to conclude in December 1990. One of Canada's objectives under the Uruguay Round is to develop trade rules for subjects not previously covered under GATT, including trade-related intellectual property matters, in order to strengthen the ability of the multilateral trading system to deal with the emerging trade policy issues of the 1990s.

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