

# **INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND FORM OF THE PROPOSED CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT**

**Prepared by: Frank Stone  
Institute for Research on Public  
Policy  
April 1986**

**Study available from IRPP**

## **Description**

The study addressed two institutional and legal issues: new institutional arrangements created under the agreement and the nature and form of the bilateral agreement.

## **Highlights**

The agreement should provide for a Ministerial-level committee to help ensure cooperation between the two governments in its implementation, interpreting its provisions and improving it in the light of changing circumstances.

The proposed Joint Trade Commission would be designed to operate in a collegial manner to assist the two countries in implementing the new agreement, and to assist generally in the management of the bilateral trade relationship.

- The Commission should be authorized to establish a Joint Advisory Board drawn from the two federal governments, provincial and state governments and the private sectors.
- The Commission should be authorized to establish Joint Dispute Panels to help resolve particular bilateral disputes.
- The Commission should be authorized to establish a Joint Injury Panel, drawn from the Canadian Import Tribunal and the United States International Trade Commission, to investigate and report on injury to domestic producers.