

to Canada, many maintain close links with their countries of origin.

Canada is seeking outlets to complement its trade with the U.S.; its second-largest trading partner is the European Community. In July 1976, Canada and the European Communities signed a Framework Agreement for Economic and Commercial Co-operation, a "contractual link". The agreement, the first of its kind between the European Communities and an industrialized country, provides a framework for economic co-operation which should open new doors for trade and investment to both parties. Industrial co-operation is a fundamental objective of this agreement. It is expected to promote growth in relations between firms, in movements of capital, in scientific and technological exchanges and in bilateral trade. The agreement also provides for periodic consultations within the framework of a joint co-operation committee, and it is non-preferential in nature.