

We will work jointly to strengthen the effectiveness of GATT rules and establish new disciplines. We call on all nations to join with us in establishing a preparatory committee this summer for a new round of multilateral trade negotiations to ensure that negotiations commence in early 1986.

We believe that the challenge to our two countries is to invigorate our unique economic relationship. We intend to build on our success in resolving a number of disputes and achieve something of lasting significance to provide a model to other nations of the way in which two modern societies can work in harmony.

We have today agreed to give the highest priority to finding mutually-acceptable means to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to trade in order to secure and facilitate trade and investment flows.

As a first step, we commit ourselves to halt protectionism in cross-border trade in goods and services.

We have charged Ambassador Brock, the United States Trade Representative, and the Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, to establish immediately a bilateral mechanism to chart all possible ways to reduce and eliminate existing barriers to trade and to report to us within six months.

We have also directed that action be undertaken over the next twelve months to resolve specific impediments to trade in a manner consistent with our international obligations and our legislative requirements. Such action will proceed on the basis of full consultation with the private sector and other levels of government and will concentrate initially on:

- national treatment, on a contractual, equitable and mutually advantageous basis, with respect to government procurement and funding programs;
- standardization, reduction or simplification of regulatory requirements which would facilitate trade in goods and services;

- improvement in the Canada-United States Air Transport Agreement aimed at facilitating transborder travel and commerce by expanding the number of available services and reducing obstacles to the introduction of innovative and competitive new services;
- strengthening our market approach to Canada-United States energy trade by reducing restriction, particularly those on petroleum imports and exports, and by maintaining and extending open access to each other's energy markets, including oil, natural gas, electricity and coal;
- improving access for traders on both sides of the border through reduction in tariff barriers;
- facilitation of travel for business and commercial purposes;
- elimination or reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade in high-technology goods and related services, such as computers, data flow and computer-assisted design and manufacturing technology; and;
- co-operation to protect intellectual property rights from trade in counterfeit goods and other abuses of copyright and patent law.

We urge our respective private sectors to expand their contacts and continue to provide advice on the future of our trading relationship.

We are confident that these undertakings will facilitate trade and investment flows between our two countries and act as catalysts for broader international co-operation.