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DISCUSSION PAPER ON SECURING AND ENHANCING CANADIAN ACCESS TO EXPORT MARKETS

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, today released the federal government's Discussion Paper on Trade, "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to Export Markets".

The reasons for releasing this consultative document are the overwhelming importance of trade in the Canadian economy and our need to assess the most effective means to promote it. Exports now account for almost one-third of our Gross Domestic Product and more than three million jobs. Every \$1 billion of additional exports means 16,000 jobs in Canada.

The Discussion Paper, one of many consultation initiatives being undertaken by the government in order to promote economic growth, addresses the issue of access to export markets. It provides a focus for consultations with the private sector and the provinces and is intended primarily to elicit views on the principal market access problems facing Canadian exporters, and on matters relating to access to the Canadian market.

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