

extensively with the governments of Canada's ten provinces. The Prime Minister and all the provincial premiers met recently in Halifax and agreed to work very closely together on all aspects of the negotiations.

This agreement flows from the unique and special character of the Canadian federation. It in no way diminishes the primacy of the federal government in leading the negotiations. It is intended to ensure that our negotiators are kept aware of provincial interests, and that an eventual trade agreement with the United States will bring benefits to all parts of Canada.

We are well aware that we live in a tough and competitive world. A world growing more competitive by the day, a world in which the fifth generation of computers, the generation of artificial intelligence, is only a few years away.

...For both our countries, the challenge is to be creative rather than rigid, and to look outward rather than in. Americans and Canadians have an incredible capacity to create prosperity. Either of us can do it alone if we have to. But we will get much further much faster by working together, in an open and expanding market.