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- The Minister for International Trade and the United States Trade Representative submit their reports in accordance with the Quebec Trade Declaration.
- Congress has authority over tariffs. The Administration cannot seek negotiating authority from Congress until it receives a proposal for trade negotiations from another country.
- A formal proposal is required by letter from either the Prime Minister or from the Minister for International Trade "expressing our willingness to enter into negotiation of a trade agreement which would include tariff reductions".
- The Administration sends the request for negotiations to the Congress, which has sixty calendar days to consider the request. If Congress does not disapprove within this period, the Administration may proceed to negotiations. There is no time limit in which the negotiations must be concluded.