

- As well, the U.S. has indicated that it does not intend to challenge under the GATT existing provincial East Coast regulations, such as those in Newfoundland which are grandfathered under the FTA. That is an improvement over the current situation.
- Atlantic fish processing jobs were never threatened and they are made more secure by the Free Trade Agreement.

#### Myth #8

- John Turner also said on August 18 that the Hibernia project is threatened by the Free Trade Agreement.

#### Facts

- Article 906 of the Agreement specifically allows future incentives for oil and gas exploration and development.
- As well, the Atlantic Accord is "grand-fathered" under the Agreement. As the Hibernia agreement is fully consistent with the Atlantic Accord, all of the benefits directed to Newfoundlanders are fully protected under the Free Trade Agreement.

#### Myth #9

- John Turner and Ed Broadbent have said repeatedly that our culture is threatened by the Free Trade Agreement.

#### Facts

- Our cultural industries ... publishing, film and video, audio and video music recording, broadcasting and cable ... are protected by Article 2005. Which exempts them from the Agreement.
- But while cultural activities can be fostered by governments ... as we have done and will continue to do ... a nation's culture is something that is part of the society. Canadian culture and identity ... certainly Newfoundland culture and identity ... are stronger and more confident than ever.