

ANNEX I

PARTIES TO THE SME ACTION PLAN

**Chair: Roger Ferland,
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Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

1. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) is the leading federal department responsible for Canada's international trade and export development.

2. Major Banks and Financial Institutions

3. Export Development Corporation

Export Development Corporation (EDC) is Canada's official export credit agency. EDC's programs fall into four major categories: export credits insurance, performance-related guarantees and insurance, foreign investment insurance, and export financing for foreign buyers of Canadian goods and services. EDC reports to the Minister for International Trade.

4. Canadian Bankers' Association

The Canadian Bankers' Association (CBA) advocates on behalf of the banking industry. The CBA also supports its members by providing information and education.

5. The Institute of Canadian Bankers'

The Institute of Canadian Bankers provides education and training programs to employees of Canadian banks and their subsidiaries.

6. Industry Canada

The Entrepreneurship and Small Business Office (ESBO) within Industry Canada supports the Minister in his role as advocate within Cabinet and is responsible for the development and assessment of national policies affecting the small business community.