

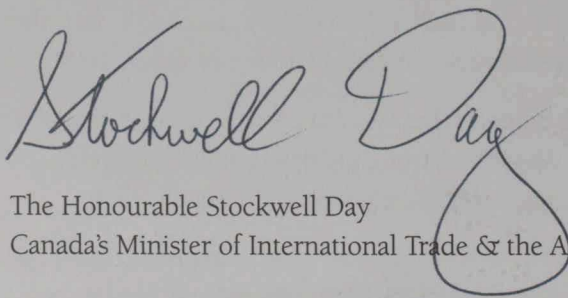
Building on our new free trade agreement with the European Free Trade Association, we also concluded new agreements with Peru, Colombia and Jordan, with other negotiations underway with key partners in Asia and the Americas.

We also recently launched negotiations on a comprehensive economic and trade agreement with the European Union, and exploratory talks with India and Morocco.

We are putting new international agreements in place to promote two-way investment and help our scientists and researchers contribute their expertise to technological breakthroughs around the world.

To support all of this activity, our extensive network of Trade Commissioners continues to connect Canadian companies to global opportunities and promote Canada as an investment location of choice to foreign investors. With offices across Canada and around the world—including new ones recently announced in China, India, and Brazil—we are expanding our services, and giving our team the tools they need to help Canadians succeed around the world.

Through the efforts of government and business alike, I believe that, when the expected global recovery comes, Canada will be in an excellent competitive position. I look forward to working with people from across the spectrum of Canada's business community to address the challenges of today, and build the foundations for the jobs, prosperity and opportunities of tomorrow.

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The Honourable Stockwell Day
Canada's Minister of International Trade & the Asia-Pacific Gateway