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My Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic and Trade Policy, Mr. Reid Morden, will be leading a delegation to Seoul in early November to discuss our preparations for the coming round. Given the importance to both our countries of our trade with the United States and Japan, I would think we could find much common ground.

All told, the balance sheet for the past year has been quite posi-

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tive. It has been strongest, perhaps, in one sector -- automobiles -- but there have obviously been other gains, as well. But it is incumbent upon all of us here today -- and I include myself, on behalf of the Canadian government -- to use these talks, and the months to come, to address the matters of importance to both sides. As good friends, and good neighbours across the sea, we can hardly do less.

Thank you.