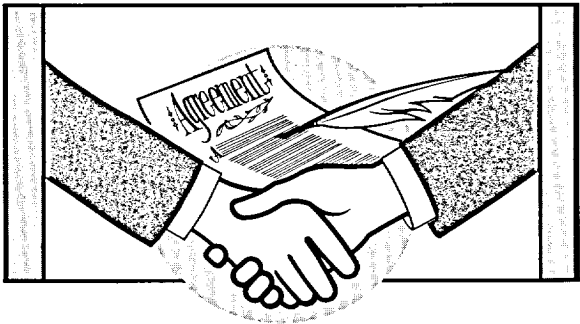


management of our trade relations with other countries.

Canada, therefore, attaches major emphasis to the improvement and strengthening of the GATT dispute-avoidance and settlement mechanisms. These mechanisms have had a direct impact on us, as in recent cases involving the European Community's quotas on our newsprint and our practices concerning the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages, and will continue to have an impact on us in the future. Canada favours expansion of the role of the GATT from that of an organization responsible for administering a world trade agreement to one with responsibility for managing international trade policy issues.

All GATT members have an interest in strengthening the international trading system and the GATT itself. Among the issues being addressed in the Uruguay Round are a more effective surveillance and trade policy role for the GATT, increased involvement by national ministers and enhanced cooperation with other international financial organizations, notably the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.



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In the Uruguay Round, Canada is once again playing an influential role in shaping the rules of international trade. This activist role reflects Canada's commitment to maintaining momentum in the liberalization of world trade.

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