

LATIN AMERICA AND OTHERS (Africa and the Middle East)

- reducing and binding tariffs in Mexico, Brazil, India and many other developing countries on a wide range of resource and manufactured products.
- eliminating import prohibitions, quotas, discretionary import licensing and other non-tariff barriers which impede Canadian exports.

CANADIAN REGIONAL INTERESTS IN THE MTN

There follows a brief outline, by region, of some of the principal economic sectors with a stake in the MTN:

Ontario

Export interests in such products as metals and minerals, rubber and plastic products, chemicals, office and automatic data processing machines, telecommunications and electrical transmission equipment, motor vehicles and parts.

Quebec

Major export interests in agricultural and resource products, especially in their more processed forms e.g. forest products, metals and minerals such as aluminum and copper and fish products.

West

Major export interests in petrochemical, forestry and agricultural products to the Pacific Rim, particularly in their processed and semi-processed forms. Exports currently inhibited by progressively higher tariffs on processed products.

Atlantic

Major interests in fish and fisheries products, especially in their processed forms. Higher tariffs on processed products and some import quota systems restrict export opportunities. Additional interests in forest products and some metals and minerals. Significant interest in the elimination of preferential tariff rates which other countries enjoy in the EC.

MTN TARIFF NEGOTIATING TIMETABLE

March 15, 1990--Deadline for initial offers to the market access negotiations.

April 30, 1990--Requests for improvements to offers.

May--Fall 1990--Bilateral negotiations.

December 1990--Conclusion of negotiations in Brussels.