

CHIEFLY CONCERNED, BUT ALSO WITH MR. COUILLARD (CHAIRMAN OF THE CANADIAN TRADE AND TARIFFS COMMITTEE) AND AMBASSADOR GREY (HEAD OF OUR GENEVA NEGOTIATING TEAM). I AND MY SMALL STAFF OF OFFICERS ARE CHARGED WITH ENSURING THAT TIMELY AND OBJECTIVE SUBMISSIONS ARE SET BEFORE MINISTERS FOR APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ABOUT CANADIAN NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. IN THIS TASK WE WILL BE DRAWING UPON THE EXPERTISE ALREADY AVAILABLE IN OTTAWA DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND ON THE ANALYSIS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE OF THE MANY SUBMISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PROVINCES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I SEE THE OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR AS HAVING A CATALYTIC, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT ROLE, NOT ONE OF DUPLICATING EXISTING EFFORTS.

FOR PURPOSES OF DEVELOPING VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT, I SHALL BE CHAIRING THE OPERATIVE COMMITTEE OF FEDERAL DEPUTY MINISTERS WHEN MTN MATTERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

I HAVE ALSO ASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF DEPUTY MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS WHICH ADDRESSES ITSELF TO MTN MATTERS AND SERVES AS ONE OF THE VEHICLES FOR DIRECT CONSULTATION WITH THE PROVINCES ON THE PROGRESS AND CONTENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.