

world. The basis of expanding bilateral trade is the private sector in both our countries. For this reason, I can assure you that the Government of Canada is ready to do its part to lay the groundwork for enhancing the cooperative efforts between the Brazilian and Canadian private sectors.

In conclusion, let me just say that, at the international level, my government is also committed to becoming more active in the pursuit of international peace and stability.

I am sure that the new Government of Canada and the new Government of Brazil can pursue this goal with the same vigour and commitment as your Chamber works towards improved bilateral economic relations.

Thank-you, I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.