

The agenda for a new round will need to reflect the interests of all participants. Its timing, its objectives, and the procedures for the negotiations themselves, are all issues which should be addressed by a preparatory committee of the GATT contracting parties which we propose be formally established this summer.

We need to focus attention on the areas where agreement was not possible during the Tokyo Round, the areas of unfinished business, and those areas which are not yet covered adequately by GATT rules.

In the time leading up to the new round, work in the OECD in areas of direct concern should be intensified. Current problems in the field of agricultural trade are serious. Adopting and implementing the required policy changes will require political will. We should continue to emphasize the work being done in the organization on trade issues in the agricultural field.

We should complete the work on fisheries trade started in 1982 on further liberalization of trade in fisheries.

We welcome the organization's activities in the area of trade in high technology. Canada fully supports continuing work on market access for high technology products and on technology transfer.

Similarly, we would like to underscore the importance of OECD work on trade in services, and the need to strengthen our efforts in this area. We are of course pleased to endorse the Declaration on trans-border data flows. This Declaration will introduce a degree of certainty into an area of critical importance for the commercial exploitation of information technologies, and will provide a useful set of guidelines for governments as they formulate policy in this area.