Mr. Hockin welcomed today's further step toward the implementation of the NAFTA and the export opportunities for Canadian workers that the NAFTA represents. "Exports mean growth and growth means jobs for Canadians," Mr. Hockin said.

Mr. Hockin also released the text of an understanding among ministers of the three NAFTA countries establishing a working group to facilitate the effective use of Chapter 8 of the NAFTA, dealing with import surges.

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