

most-favoured nation agreements with Canada.

Within the MTN, Canada will seek improvement of rules on the application of safeguard actions, including those applied against the products of developing countries, which will ensure that such actions are temporary and subject to international guidelines and surveillance. We shall be reviewing our current adjustment-assistance measures in the context of the MTN and shall be taking into account the interests of developing countries as they relate to the longer-term evolution of the Canadian economy.

Finally, in the area of trade, Canada is examining various alternatives for using aid funds to establish a trade-facilitation office to assist developing countries seeking to export to the Canadian market. The UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre could play an important role in this endeavour.

Transfer of technology

The final specific area I wish to touch on is the transfer of technology. Canada is giving continued and substantial support for the development of appropriate technologies for developing countries through our aid program and through the International Development Research Centre, which focuses its attention and resources on research and technology in developing countries. Canada intends to explore further the creation of links between research institutions in Canada and corresponding institutions in developing countries. Such arrangements could provide Canadian institutions with a greater appreciation of the problems of developing countries -- they could influence, over the longer term, the orientation of our domestic research and development programs towards Third World problems, and they could provide a channel for the transfer of advice, assistance and technology to developing countries.

Canada would support further work on a voluntary, universally-applicable, code of conduct that sets out guidelines for the transfer of technology on a supplier-recipient basis. We further support continuing international discussion within UNCTAD on restrictive business practices adversely affecting international trade, particularly that of developing countries.

Conclusion

I have outlined our views and ideas on several of the major issues and proposals before this conference.

There is a heavy responsibility on every government to facilitate
