

The report puts forward several recommendations for concerted action which the authors "believe necessary to put the world trading system on the right path". The Ministers noted with interest that the first of these recommendations, which urged that "the making of trade policy" be brought into the open in each country is a course of action that the Canadian government has already embarked upon with its recent issuance of a discussion paper seeking the views of all Canadians on ways of securing and enhancing our access to markets. The Ministers said "The report's support for the launching of a new round of GATT negotiations is a key recommendation which we fully endorse. We believe a new round of multilateral trade negotiations should begin in early 1986. These negotiations will help to provide the focus required to resist protectionist pressures and the means by which new disciplines could be developed to protect and strengthen the multilateral trading system".

8 The report also recommends that agricultural trade should be based on clearer and fairer rules, that GATT "codes" governing non-tariff distortions should be improved and vigorously applied to make trade more open and fair, that governments should be prepared to examine ways and means of expanding trade in services and to explore whether multilateral rules can be devised for this sector and that the GATT dispute settlement process should be improved.