The ITAC has broad terms of reference on all international trade matters, including issues relating to trade policy, market access and trade development. The 50 members of the ITAC come from all regions of Canada and include the Chairpersons of the SAGITs and other prominent individuals from the business, labour, consumer, academic, research and cultural communities. The government has found it to be a valuable forum to ensure that Canada's trade policy is truly reflective of the needs and aspirations of the private sector.

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