

- success in the U.S. market is seen as critical in terms of improved competitiveness in the global market.

A theoretical option open to the Government was to contemplate and build on existing North American economic integration by seeking a full free trade arrangement with the United States. There are many Canadians who advocate this course and who are critical of the sector approach as inadequate or sub-optimal in terms of Canada's economic development. However the Government concluded that no consensus exists for a move of this magnitude at this time.

Instead it was decided to give "careful consideration to the advantages and disadvantages of limited free trade arrangements with the U.S. in particular sectors where Canadian producers are internationally competitive or could significantly rationalize or improve their efficiency as a result of improved access to the U.S. market."

How are we implementing this commitment to explore limited sectoral free trade?