

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

On December 15, 1993, the largest and most complex trade negotiation in history was successfully concluded when consensus was reached among all of the participants in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN). Trade ministers are meeting at a concluding conference April 12 to 15, 1994, in Morocco to approve the Final Act, which will establish the World Trade Organization (WTO) and embody, as a single undertaking, all the new multilateral trade agreements on goods, services and intellectual property.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) co-ordinated the environmental review of the results of the Uruguay Round and, by means of this document, is reporting its findings to the Minister for International Trade. The Review was conducted by an interdepartmental committee, comprising representatives of the departments of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Agriculture, Environment and Finance.

In the course of the Review, a broad range of published reports was obtained from Canadian and foreign governmental and non-governmental sources. Where additional information and clarification were required, other relevant government departments and non-governmental organizations were contacted.

The Government of Canada is committed to an integrated approach to economic, social, environmental and foreign policy, and to promoting sustainable development as an integral component of decision making at all levels of our society. The environmental agenda can no longer be separated from the national economic agenda. The federal government, across all departments, must act on this understanding by adopting economic and environmental agendas that converge—it must show leadership and accountability in integrating environmental and economic decisions.