

We must seek to strengthen the GATT non-tariff measures agreements already in place. They have opened up important new trading opportunities. We should give priority to initiating negotiations to broaden and improve the agreement on trade in civil aircraft. Similarly, we need to initiate the preparatory work for negotiations under the GATT Agreement on Government Procurement.

The GATT work programme must be responsive to the needs of both developed and developing countries. Over time, we expect a willingness on the part of the most advanced developing countries to assume obligations commensurate with the benefits derived from the system.

Finally we must ensure ongoing ministerial involvement in the work of the GATT. Certainly we should look forward to another ministerial meeting in the not too distant future rather than allowing another long interval.

In the remaining hours of this week parties must display the constructive flexibility necessary to achieve agreement on measures for our collective advancement. This will require the generosity of spirit to move toward our neighbours' point of view. In the interest of world trade and a return to prosperity, Canada asks that approach.

Thank you.