

TO THAT END, THE NEW PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADING ORDER. WE WILL STRIVE TO DEVELOP THE INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS NECESSARY TO BEGIN A NEW ROUND OF GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS, PROCUREMENT, AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRADE IN VARIOUS SERVICES WILL ALSO BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AND I WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN THESE COMPLEX SECTORS.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES TO SET BILATERAL PRECEDENTS WHICH WILL SPUR MULTILATERAL ACTION.

WE WILL CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL AREAS FOR ACTION WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH OUR MULTILATERAL OBLIGATIONS.