

NOTES FOR AN ADDRESS BY

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Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I accepted the invitation extended to me a few months ago by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs (Quebec Section). I must confess that, at the time, I felt somewhat uneasy at the prospect, not because the subject of the Tokyo Round of Negotiations is unfamiliar to me but rather because when I accepted the invitation to speak I was determined to do it in French! Here was a golden opportunity to put to the test once again the French I had learned in Trois-Pistoles, Quebec, not to mention Tours and Besançon in France! To be totally candid, I must admit that over the past few months I have had an opportunity to rehearse for the task via interviews granted in French to the press, radio and television. With this experience behind me, I am now delivering my first address in French on the outcome of the Tokyo Round.