

NATIONAL IDENTITY - AREAS SUCH AS BOOKS, FILMS, BANKING AND MEDIA.

LET ME GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THE CHANGE. NONE OF THE FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY - TWO NEW BUSINESSES REVIEWED IN 1983 UNDER FIRA WOULD BE REVIEWED UNDER INVESTMENT CANADA. EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THREE DIRECT ACQUISITIONS REVIEWED IN 1983 UNDER FIRA WOULD NOT BE REVIEWED BY INVESTMENT CANADA. NINETY THREE PER CENT OF THE INDIRECT ACQUISITIONS, REVIEWED IN 1983 UNDER FIRA WOULD NOT BE REVIEWED BY INVESTMENT CANADA. WE ESTIMATE THAT, UNDER THE NEW RULES, ONLY TEN PER CENT OF ALL THE PROPOSALS REVIEWED IN 1983 WOULD NOW REQUIRE REVIEW.

THE MEASURES TABLED IN PARLIAMENT GO A LONG WAY TO MEET THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED TO US BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND INVESTORS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT EXPERIENCE WITH THE NEW SYSTEM WILL DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY THAT THE CLIMATE FOR INVESTMENT IN CANADA HAS CHANGED. WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

THAT IS ONE CHANGE IN CANADA. THE SECOND RELATES TO OUR FEDERAL SYSTEM, WHICH GIVES SUBSTANTIAL POWER TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND VESTS IN THE PROVINCES EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER SUCH KEY SECTORS AS EDUCATION, HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES. A FEDERAL SYSTEM OFFERS UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES FOR CONFLICT AND, IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, WE HAVE TRIED ALMOST