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INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND FORM OF THE PROPOSED CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT*

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Abstract

A Canada-United States trade agreement should create a bilateral quasi-independent trade commission to oversee the operation of the agreement and supplement the multilateral GATT agreement. It would comprise three representatives from each government advised by a panel of 18 governmental and non-governmental officials. It could investigate bilateral economic frictions and make non-binding recommendations. It could also appoint expert panels to make decisions on the use of countervailing duties and anti-dumping duties in bilateral trade. The trade agreement should be an executive agreement approved by both houses of Congress rather than a treaty.

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