

considers that no sector nor issue should be excluded from the scope of the negotiations.

5. Canada wants to underline the importance it attaches to the Work Programme undertaken by the Contracting Parties to reflect the priorities established by the Ministerial Declaration of 1982. In Canada's view, however, various elements of this Work Programme are unlikely to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion outside of the context of the new Round of negotiations. Bringing the Work Programme to a satisfactory conclusion should thus be a high priority of the new negotiations.

6. The following paragraphs give a general indication of Canada's initial approach and attitudes on the main questions which, in its view, should be included on the MTN agenda and set out Canada's preliminary overall objectives and priorities in the negotiations. These objectives and priorities primarily reflect a desire to: halt protectionism and seek further expansion of access to markets; develop new rules of conduct for agricultural trade; seek tighter disciplines on the use of subsidies and on contingency protection measures; develop a framework for trade in services; and strengthen the effectiveness of the rule of law and non-discrimination governing international trade.

A. Halting Protectionism and Improving Market Access

7. The maintenance of open trading channels and the further improvement of access to export markets are vital to Canada. They are also essential elements for the intensification and strengthening of trading relationships within the multilateral trading system. Canada urges further improvement in market access conditions on as broad a basis as possible in terms of both products and markets, including in respect of customs duties. This should include the prospect of total tariff elimination in particular product areas.