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Domestically, Canada is engaged in a broad range of stakeholder consultations in the lead-up to the Seattle Conference, as outlined earlier in the Government's Response. We welcome further Secretariat outreach efforts as a means of improving understanding of the WTO.



In conclusion, the Government would like to thank the Committee and all Canadians who have participated in this and other consultative initiatives. As we move forward into the next millennium, the importance of international trade and investment will increase. Canada's future prosperity depends on a smoothly functioning, rules-based international trade system. Continued dialogue and consultations with Canadians will enable the Government to ensure that Canada's trade policy objectives and priorities address the concerns and meet the needs of Canadians.