

process to eliminate the remaining barriers to trade by the target date.

We agreed in principle that governments in Canada will treat goods, services, capital and people equally, irrespective of their place of origin within Canada, and we will reconcile regulations and administrative practices to achieve that end.

Now, we have to deliver on this promising beginning.

We must now identify laws, regulations, policies and practices that need reform. Governments have committed themselves to completing the first stage of this work in time for the next Intergovernmental Committee meeting this fall.

We recognize that, in applying these principles, the governments must ensure:

- that practices and policies are consistent with the goal of creating a single, integrated market within Canada;
- that information on how we are proceeding is fully disclosed; and
- that no new barriers are created in the meantime.

We will push ahead. When we meet again this fall, we will examine options for an effective compliance mechanism for internal trade and look at possible measures to enhance trade and investment linkages within Canada. We will also consider ways to avoid counterproductive competition for investment capital.

Canadians will soon enjoy the first fruit of this renewed commitment to tearing down barriers. For example, seven provinces, including British Columbia, have agreed to treat out-of-province beer the same as local beer by July 1, 1992. The others are still considering their position. So far, only Alberta and New Brunswick have adhered to a similar intergovernmental agreement on wine, spirits and cider. I would like to see this province add its name as well.

This brings me to my challenge to all of you. Building momentum for free trade in Canada after many decades of relative inertia will need a mighty effort by every stakeholder -- especially by everyone here today.

Let's not forget that some barriers to interprovincial trade were created with the acquiescence of the business community. Some businesses are comfortable with the status quo: they have vested interests in operating within outmoded barriers.