

- The Government is examining the Informetrica study's suggestions as to possible economic indicators and time frames for measuring FTA impacts over the coming years, and the study will serve as a valuable input for planning long-term monitoring needs.

- * The FTA is a cornerstone of the Government's economic competitiveness agenda, and is helping position Canada for the trading opportunities of the 1990's. The second year will continue this process.

- The benefits for Canada of an open international trading system are being pursued through the parallel policy initiatives of the FTA and the ongoing Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

- In its December 1989 survey of Canada's economic policies, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development cited the FTA as a very positive structural policy leading to increased competitiveness.

- The U.S. market is a major focus of the Government's multi-year "Going Global" export development strategy in 1990, and a record number of promotional activities are planned.

- Work in the second year is continuing on the further elimination of trade barriers in the areas of agricultural and fishery products, customs matters, tourism and services and in the resolution of trade irritants.