

FOR GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE SO INTERESTED IN THEIR LEGAL JURISDICTION THAT THEY LOST SIGHT OF THEIR COUNTRY. IT IS PAST TIME FOR US TO BUILD TOGETHER AGAIN.

OBVIOUSLY, MORE MUST CHANGE THAN JUST THE ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENTS. OVER THE PAST DECADE, OTHER COUNTRIES, OTHER ECONOMIES, HAVE BEEN PULLING AHEAD OF OURS, DESPITE OUR ABUNDANT RESOURCES AND SKILLS. CONSIDER SOME STATISTICS. IN 1968, CANADA EXPORTED MORE THAN THE JAPANESE; TODAY, JAPAN'S SHARE IS MORE THAN DOUBLE OURS. AS AN EXPORTER, WE HAVE FALLEN FROM FOURTH TO EIGHTH PLACE GLOBALLY. IN SEVENTY MANUFACTURING SECTORS, WE HAVE GAINED MARKET SHARE ONLY IN FOUR, AND HAVE DECLINED IN TWENTY-ONE.

ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTIVITY TRENDS IS NO MORE ENCOURAGING. BETWEEN 1970 AND 1981, CANADA WAS AMONG THE WORST PERFORMERS OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, IN TERMS OF GROWTH OF MANUFACTURING OUTPUT PER PERSON EMPLOYED. FURTHERMORE, IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE COMBINATION OF RELATIVELY LOW OUTPUT AND HIGH COMPENSATION PER HOUR OF LABOUR HAS FORCED UP OUR LABOUR COSTS PER UNIT OF OUTPUT. THAT IS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN COMPARISON WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT CANADA'S GROSS