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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



As Minister of International Trade, I am pleased to present the commerce section of Canada's International Policy Statement. This document articulates the contributions made across the Government and across Canada to our success in the new world economy and charts a course for the future.

The stakes are high: fortunate as Canadians are, the rapidly evolving nature of global business means that no advantage can be taken for granted. Our prosperity is anchored in our international success, and it is that prosperity that has brought us the ability to enact the social, cultural and environmental policies that make us the envy of the world. Canada's international commercial performance must meet the challenges of the 21st century global economy to ensure our continued success.

Canadians have what it takes to succeed. We are a magnet for talent and investment. We have one of the world's most extensive networks of international relationships, from governmental contacts through to the grassroots ties that spring from our multicultural society. And we have innovative, lean, focused services to enable global competitiveness and ensure that Canadian business succeeds.

This policy is about managing change; it is about making choices and setting priorities; above all, it is about ensuring our future prosperity as Canadians in a globalized world economy. I am proud to be the Minister who will lead the Government's implementation of this international commerce strategy.

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