

**May 28** Federal-Provincial Trade Ministers meeting in Vancouver concludes Canada should proceed to free trade negotiations.

**March 18** At the Quebec Summit, the Prime Minister and President sign the Declaration on Trade in Goods and Services setting as a common goal a more secure climate for bilateral trade.

International Trade Minister Kelleher begins cross-country consultations with private sector and trade association groups.

**February 23** In an interview, Donald Macdonald, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and the Development Prospects for Canada and a former Finance Minister, says that "I now realize that we need a global agreement with the U.S. to control non-tariff barriers."

**January 29** The discussion paper "How to Secure and Enhance Canadian Access to U.S. Markets", is issued and favours a two-pronged approach: multilateral trade negotiations and a new trade agreement with the United States.

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**December 19** Trade Minister Kelleher and provincial trade ministers agree to develop a national trade strategy aimed at securing Canadian access to U.S. market.

**December 10** In major speech to Economic Club of New York, the Prime Minister says Canada wants to "rebuild its image" as a reliable trading partner and as a good place to invest. He points to plans to abolish NEP and replace FIRA with Investment Canada as proof of the government's intentions.

**November 8** Finance Minister Wilson indicates in "Agenda for Economic Renewal" that refurbished relations with