

four million workers. In addition, in the past three years alone, more than one million new jobs have been created. The Agreement will provide further impetus to this already strong pace of job creation.

Adjustment Program

- Not only will the size of the adjustment requirements be small compared to the changes that normally occur in the Canadian economy, but the federal government has in place a wide array of programs to assist individuals and businesses to adapt to changes in business and labour market conditions. Programs directed at labour adjustment include the Industrial Adjustment Service, the Canadian Jobs Strategy and unemployment insurance. Programs are also in place to help Canadian businesses to capitalize directly on the new opportunities created by the free trade arrangement, including: the Trade Commissioner service provided by the Department of External Affairs; the Program for Export Market Development; and the new approach to regional development embodied in the programs and services of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the Western Diversification Office and the Federal Economic Development Initiative in Northern Ontario. The Prime Minister has recently announced the establishment of an Advisory Council on