

regulations as well as testing and certification requirements. The EC also has an obligation to encourage the development of international product standards and to avoid the use of technical regulations for the purpose of creating obstacles to trade. The GATT national treatment principle is designed to ensure that Canadian exports will be treated no less favourably than EC products within the European Community under any taxation or other domestic laws.

Maintaining Full Awareness of EC Developments

In order to ensure that Canadian industries will be fully informed of developments in the EC over the next few years, the Department of External Affairs has initiated an extensive program to analyze the implications for Canada of Europe 1992. Awareness of potential problems will assist our MTN negotiators to resist European developments that may adversely affect Canadian trade and investment interests in Europe. Informing Canadian firms of the challenges ahead will also assist them in seeking competitive opportunities in the expanded and unified European market.

