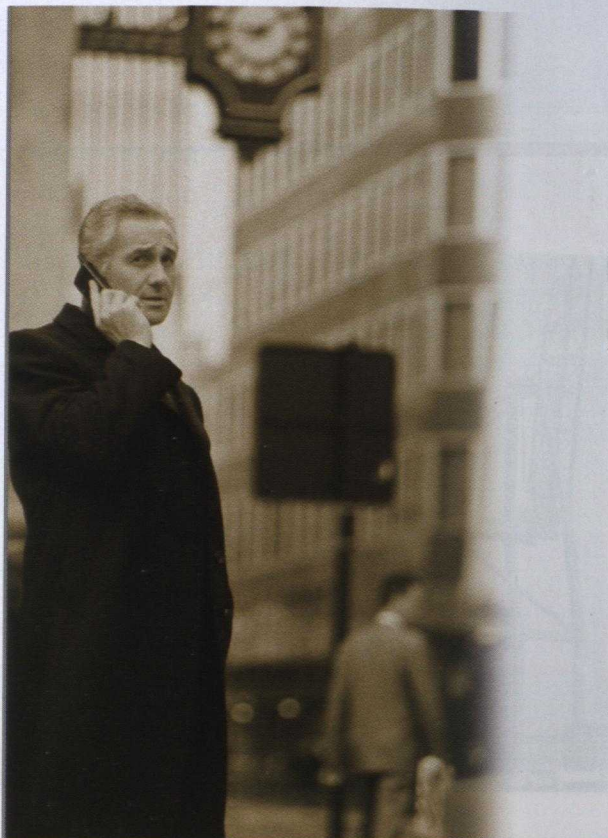


It is probably fair to say that Canada's trade policy is in a phase of consolidation. The Government has already changed how it makes policy, with greater and still-expanding transparency and engagement. Informed public debate over the domestic and international repercussions of negotiating choices is already the norm, as is closer attention by House of Commons and Senate committees. The Government already seeks broader political and social ends through its trade policy, not just economic ones. Without in any way seeing room for complacency, the Government knows that the openness fostered by trade liberalization has created a stable climate and new opportunities abroad, and has stimulated investment and innovation in Canada. Now its ambitions are directed to a range of issues that are still more complex and seemingly intractable than those faced so far. The Government needs and encourages the participation of Canadians in finding the best way forward.



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