

THE BORDER

SECURE AND SEAMLESS

- In response to the attacks on the United States, Canada has acted vigorously to counter the terrorist threat and to enhance security not only domestically but also at ports of entry, including the land border and abroad.
- Prime Minister Chrétien has established an ad hoc Committee of Cabinet Ministers on Public Security and Anti-Terrorism, chaired by Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley. It is reviewing policies, legislation, regulations and programs across government to adjust all aspects of Canada's public security approach to new realities.
- An immediate result is Canada's Anti-Terrorism Plan (Bill C-36), which has four objectives:
 - > prevent terrorists from getting into Canada and protect Canadians from terrorist acts;
 - > bring forward tools to identify, prosecute, convict and punish terrorists;
 - > work with the international community to bring terrorists to justice and address root causes of violence; and
 - > keep the Canada-U.S. border secure and a contributor to economic security.
- New security measures at airports and the border are being implemented to secure trade and travel between Canada and the United States.
- Immigration and refugee procedures are being tightened and new measures instituted to upgrade security at ports of entry.
- Canadian law enforcement agencies are continuing to collaborate closely with U.S. authorities in the investigation of the terrorist attacks.
- Canadian Ministers have met their U.S. counterparts and Homeland Defense Director Ridge to emphasize the critical importance of finding immediate solutions that would improve traffic flow at our borders.

A SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP

- The Canada-U.S. border is a potent symbol of the interdependence and enduring partnership between our countries.
- The spirit of cooperation between us has produced tremendous benefits to both nations. Together we have built a trading relationship that is unique in its scope and scale, and which now generates more than US\$475 billion dollars a year in two-way trade.
- A secure flow of goods and people across the border is crucial for the economic prosperity of both countries. Millions of jobs, on both sides of the border, depend on trade and the continued integration of our two economies.
- Both Prime Minister Chrétien and President Bush have said that the movement of goods and services across our border should be normalized as soon as possible.

For more information on the Canadian Government's initiatives at the border, visit these sites:

Government of Canada Fighting Terrorism http://canada.gc.ca/wire/2001/09/110901-US_e.html

Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca

Canada Customs & Revenue www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca/customs/general/measures