

Canadian business is united: it's time for TPP

Ottawa, October 1, 2015 – The undersigned organizations, representing leading companies, farmers and hundreds of thousands of small businesses from sectors and regions across Canada, call on governments to conclude the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

Canadian companies depend on trade to expand their markets, create jobs and bring consumers more choice and better prices, which is why Canada has always been at the forefront of global trade cooperation. The TPP is the most important agreement of its kind in over 20 years and would position Canadian companies to compete on a level playing field in the world's fastest growing region for generations to come.

We strongly believe that a high standard and comprehensive TPP covering 800 million people and 40% of the world economy will open new opportunities for Canadians. It will also build on the hard-fought advantages Canada has secured in past trade agreements with the United States, Mexico and Europe.

Failure to reach a deal in Atlanta would be a major disappointment for Canada. Even more damaging, however, would be for Canada to walk away while others complete a deal without us. The time for an agreement is now.

This is a joint statement from the following associations:

Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters
Canadian Council of Chief Executives
Canadian Services Coalition
Canadian Intellectual Property Council
I.E.Canada, the Canadian Association of Importers & Exporters
Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada
Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies
Aerospace Industries Association of Canada

CAFTA (Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance):
Canola Council of Canada
Canadian Meat Council
Canadian Sugar Institute
Canadian Pork Council
Grain Growers of Canada
National Cattle Feeders' Association
Canadian Canola Growers Association
Canadian Cattlemen's Association
Barley Council of Canada
Cereals Canada
Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association

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