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Negotiations are taking place on a wide range of issues, including in trade in goods, rules of origin, customs procedures, trade facilitation, non-tariff measures, cross-border trade in services, financial services, temporary entry, investment, government procurement, competition, intellectual property, e-commerce, dispute settlement and institutional provisions. In addition, consistent with past practice, Canada is pursuing environmental and labour cooperation agreements in parallel with the free trade agreement.

Canada and Korea held a tenth round of negotiations in Seoul, April 23-26, 2007, with progress achieved in some areas. Canada and Korea discussed their respective tariff offers for market access liberalization on industrial and agricultural products. Canada is seeking comprehensive tariff elimination for all its commercially significant exports, and is working to address Canadian stakeholder concerns in respect of Korean non-tariff measures.

While negotiations are progressing, the government is focused on negotiating a high quality agreement and is not working to an arbitrary deadline.