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RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER (Prime Minister of Canada): I'll begin. Well, first of all, I want to thank everybody for being here today. We have with us a series of Canadian business leaders who have travelled to be part of our second official trip to China, and I do appreciate everybody being on this trip with us, and particularly for attending the roundtable today.

Comme vous savez tous, l'économie demeure notre priorité principale pour 2012. C'est pourquoi je suis ici pour écouter ce qu'on va dire les gens qui créent des emplois pour les Canadiens, les Canadiennes.

The economy does continue to be our number one priority, and all of you are in the job creation business, so we're very much interested in suggestions that you may have as we approach a 2012 budget. And let me just also say once again, I'm also delighted that you're all here, obviously promoting good Canadian products and services here in this growing market. We'd like to say the shorthand for our approach to creating jobs and economic growth is trade, training, and taxes. The first two we want to go up, and the third we want to go down. And so that's the approach we're following, and I'm sure you'll have lots of interesting ideas how we can continue to do that here in China and elsewhere for the Canadian economy. So thanks for attending.

UNIDENTIFIED: Thank you very much, everyone.

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