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**P.M. REMARKS AT ROUNDTABLE IN MEXICO**

RIGHT HONOURABLE STEPHEN HARPER (Canadian Prime Minister): Good morning. All ready? Bonjour, tout le monde. Je suis avec des représentants des compagnies canadiennes qui sont bien établies ici au Mexique et ça représente la croissance surtout la croissance économique de notre relation pendant les 20 dernières années.

As I said we are joined here today by representatives of various Canadian businesses and sectors who are well established in Mexico. We're coming here to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations with really I think the more significant number is the 20 years of NAFTA which we've had tremendous growth in commerce between our two countries.

Although I will say this: It's a very... it's a very unbalanced relationship. If you actually look at the flows, well, they've all increased. Trade flows have gone up enormously but mostly on the Mexican side. Investment flows have gone up enormously but almost entirely on the Canadian side. So we probably want to take a look at what we can do to grow some of those things more and in a more balanced way.

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I appreciate everybody being here. This is part of the delegation that's... a large delegation that's joined us from Canada representing the business community and we do appreciate that everyone's given their time to this mission.

Merci, tout le monde.

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