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Ottawa, June 26, 2008 – Since the Competition Review Panel's announcement last July, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been leading the Canadian business community's advocacy to the Review Panel. In light of these efforts, the Canadian Chamber is very pleased to see a number of our recommendations reflected in the Review Panel's recommendations, such as:

- Improving Canada's domestic regulatory framework
- Making Canada more attractive to global capital and talent innovation
- Boldly calling to remove internal trade barriers by 2011
- Endorsing the joint Canadian Chamber and U.S. Chamber 2008 report on reducing borders costs

"The Review Panel and the secretariat are to be commended for their outstanding work and their contribution to the economic future of Canadians," said Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "The Canadian Chamber has been leading the efforts to improve Canada's competitiveness and will continue this important work. This will include working with the federal government to see the Review Panel's recommendations implemented and publicly commenting on the progress of implementation," added Beatty.

"While we will want to look at each of the 65 recommendations in detail, we are very pleased with the approach taken by the panel. The report deals in clear terms with the most important issue facing Canadian business today: the ability of Canadians to succeed in a globalised economy where competition grows every day. The panel is confident of our ability to succeed, but sound an appropriate note of urgency about the need to get the proper fundamentals in place. We urge the government to give the report its highest possible priority."

"Together, Canada can experience swifter growth, attain higher productivity and foster stronger companies that generate more jobs and a higher standard of living. Then, all Canadians can be winners."

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