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# **WE HAVE A DEAL ON SOFTWOOD**

**For Immediate Release**

**April 27, 2006**

**OTTAWA** – Today, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that Canada and the United States have reached an agreement to resolve the longstanding softwood lumber dispute.

Stephen Harper promised to resolve the softwood lumber dispute. He delivered.

Canada's bargaining position was strong. Our conditions were clear. And this agreement delivers.

The United States has accepted Canada's key conditions:

- This agreement is a long-term 7-year deal.
- This agreement gives Canadian producers stable and predictable access to the U.S. market including no quotas and tariffs at current prices.
- This agreement returns at least \$4 billion in duties to Canadian producers.
- This agreement recognizes provincial differences and treats all provinces fairly.

The agreement is supported by all three of Canada's major softwood-producing provinces: British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

This agreement demonstrates what can be accomplished when we replace phony rhetoric with hard work.

No tariffs. No quotas!

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