

industries in the present international trading environment are already being taken or are in the course of being formulated. Public inquiries concerning these industries have recently been conducted by the Textile and Clothing Board and the Anti-Dumping Tribunal (on footwear). The Government will be taking decisions shortly. When the decisions are announced, the Government will be in a position to make known the factors leading to the positions adopted.

6) That Canada support the attempt to devise a "social clause" in the GATT which would hold the signatories to a fair labour standards code.

The Government has been supportive in the ILO of international initiatives which encourage the development of improved working conditions in developing countries. However, the introduction of a "social clause" in the GATT, enforced by a right to impose trade sanctions for non-compliance, is not considered to be likely to accomplish this aim.

7) That Canada ratify the Common Fund Agreement and make the financial contributions it entails.

The terms of this recommendation are currently being met.

8) That the General Preferential Tariff be extended to include all of the manufactured products of the world's poorest countries and that graduation criteria be established to identify those countries no longer in need of preferential treatment.

This recommendation is being taken into account in the current Government review of what measures might be implemented under the General Preferential Tariff to improve access to the Canadian market for products of the developing countries. The results of this review are expected to be announced shortly.