

EXEMPT  
Sec. 13 (1)(b)

In response to the initiative of the United States to have intellectual property placed on the agenda of the next round of multilateral trade negotiations it has been proposed that Canada participate in a quadrilateral meeting of a group of experts to consider the relationship between intellectual property and trade.

It is in Canada's interest to participate in any international discussions directed toward improved international mechanisms to deal with the distorting effects of national or group measures relating to the enforcement and protection of intellectual property rights. In preparing for any such discussions, Canada must be less concerned with the protection of intellectual property per se and place more emphasis on the importance of intellectual property in enhancing trade, in order to be more in line with the thinking of countries such as the United States and Japan.

The Nielsen Task Force has stated that all intellectual property statutes be revised. It is of particular importance that the revision of these statutes be linked to