

Uruguay Round remain unresolved. Developing countries have been active and constructive participants in the GNS activities.

12. The Trade Policy Review Mechanism (TPRM) established at the Montreal Mid-Term Review has begun its review and assessment of national trade policies, trends and developments, beginning with Australia, Morocco, and the USA. This TPRM process is intended to increase transparency in trade policy formulation and to strengthen global trade liberalization forces. It therefore focusses on those areas where GATT members may have policies inconsistent with the basic tenets of an open, predictable and a non-discriminatory multilateral trading system. The trade policy review process has not been designed as a substitute for the dispute resolution system under the GATT. Canada will be reviewed during the course of 1990.

13. The private sector advisory committees to the Minister for International Trade have maintained a major focus on the MTN. The ITAC has focussed on Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, while providing its views on trade-related intellectual property, dispute settlement, subsidies/countervail, anti-dumping, and safeguards issues. It has initiated an examination of questions related to fair labour standards in international trade. For their part, the SAGITS have provided detailed inputs on Canada's market access interests and priorities, in addition to the elements of the agricultural trade reform and of a new international framework for trade in services.

14. In late November, 1989, Federal and Provincial Trade Ministers reviewed the overall MTN state of play as well as implementation of the FTA and the Global Trade Strategy. There were also four meetings of the Federal-Provincial Committee on the MTN (CMTN), with detailed consultations on market access issues, agriculture, subsidies/countervail, anti-dumping, services and TRIP's.

15. In October, 1989, the Government appointed Mr. G.E. Shannon as Ambassador for the MTN and Chief Negotiator. Mr. Shannon, who was previously Deputy Minister for International Trade, will be based in Geneva but will return to Canada periodically for consultations.