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The federal government together with the provinces and the agriculture community developed this negotiating position and this is the position that Canada maintains.

Canadians benefit from a system of supply management which ensures a secure supply of reasonably priced, quality products. A strengthened and clarified article XI, will ensure the future of supply management and prevent future international challenge.

I wish to assure supply managed farmers of my support for their industry and this position. Producers can be assured that the Canadian government will continue to fight to strengthen and clarify article XI.

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PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, Kuwait, a country Canadians fought to liberate during the gulf war will impose impossible residency restrictions on its Kuwaiti-Palestinians.

In essence, it will kick them out, but most Palestinians have no homeland and other Arab states have their own refugee problems and refuse to accept them. Without a permit, the only alternatives are paying a fine or going to jail.

About 1,000 Kuwaiti-Palestinians have family in Canada willing to sponsor them, but the Canadian government is doing nothing. Unlike the U.S., Canada has refused to fast track Palestinian applicants and Canada has no immigration or refugee desk in Kuwait.

The Canadian Embassy in Riyadh currently takes two years to process its applications, but these refugees need Canada's help in two days.

When will the minister take action?

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MACEDONIA

Mr. Jean-Pierre Hogue (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister's meeting with President Kiro Gligorov caused great concern to numerous Canadians of Greek origin until they were informed that this was not an official visit to exchange views on international development.

[*Translation*]

I would like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to assure Canadians of Greek origin that the Government of Canada is responsive to the concerns they have expressed. Mr. Gligorov was in Canada on a private visit and his meeting with the Prime Minister was not considered an official visit.

[*English*]

I would like to assure Canadians of Greek origin that Canada will continue to work toward a peaceful resolution of this crisis. As well I congratulate the Prime Minister on his efforts.

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NATIONAL NETWORK FOR RESEARCH INTO TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, Ottawa has decided that the headquarters of the national network for research into toxic substances will be located in Guelph, Ontario. Montreal, however, is the main centre for research in an area that is also part of the Quebec Government's industrial strategy. Even Minister Landry, who announced the decision in Montreal yesterday, was not able to explain this preference. The explanation is that last year, Ottawa spent 51 per cent of its research and development budget in Ontario and 18 per cent in Quebec. Some people said at the time that Ontario had better facilities, which is hardly the case here.

The federal government's decisions consistently ignore Quebec's development strategies. We saw this last year with Hibernia, and we see it now, to a lesser extent, with this decision. The truth of the matter is not the kind of wishful thinking we hear at constitutional conferences but the decisions that go against the interests of Quebec. Quebecers are fed up with empty words and hypocritical smiles. They realize it is up to them to defend their own interests.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the supply management farmers