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TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

OTTAWA - A committee of Progressive Conservative caucus members says it would be "most inappropriate" for the Canadian government to initiate the negotiation of a political or economic association with the Turks and Caicos Islands at this time. Such negotiations should only be considered if the British government gives its consent and the people of Turks and Caicos give their government a mandate to do so in general elections which are anticipated next year, the committee says.

In releasing the committee's recommendations, chairman and Ottawa West M.P. David Daubney said that while the idea of a Canadian place in the sun has popular appeal, formal association with the Islands is not as simple as it sounds.

Daubney noted that in the 3 months his committee spent studying the issue, members considered 13 separate aspects of association and interviewed an equal number of experts with diverse interests and insights on the matter.

The Committee identified and investigated the following issues related to association:

1. International Relations: Canadian, British and, Turks and Caicos perspectives of association.
2. Immigration: Patterns, rules and regulations.
3. Trade and Tariffs: Imports, exports between Turks and Caicos, U.S. and Canada.

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