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rule. If we are going to go through this process and then end up the same way, we have not gained anything.

Mr. Jacques: I would not mind coming back to give you more specific information. I will find out. Okay?

Le président: On a fait allusion tout à l'heure à la lettre du 4 novembre que l'on a reçue de la Fédération canadienne de l'agriculture. Avec votre permission, on va l'annexer au compte rendu de la réunion d'aujourd'hui.

La séance est levée jusqu'à jeudi, 15h30. @t+99

[Traduction]

retombons dans cette erreur, la boucle sera bouclée, et nous serons de nouveau à la case de départ.

M. Jacques: Je vais chercher ces renseignements et si vous le voulez, je reviendrai vous les communiquer. D'accord?

The Chairman: There was a mention made of a letter sent by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture on November 4. With your permission, it is going to be appended to the minutes of this committee.

The meeting is adjourned and the committee meets again at 3.30 next Thursday. @t+99

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Dear Sirs:

Re: Bill C-2

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture is regrettably unable on such short notice, to attend the Committee hearing on Bill C-2 - An Act to amend the *Canada Act*.

The CFA was strongly in support of the development of Canagrex as a specialized agency to develop and service export markets of agricultural commodities. This support grew out of the experience of various agricultural marketing organizations that there was a lack of attention to the specific needs of the agricultural sector in many of the Canadian foreign posts, as well as a lack of programs, and integrated and co-ordinated services by Canadian government departments and/or agencies.

The CFA accepts that the government has taken the decision to dissolve Canagrex. The needs continue, however, for the services for which Canagrex was organized although we recognize that various changes have been made to government support structures. The Export Development Corporation now provides various marketing services to meet some of the needs which existed. Beyond that, however, there are different kinds of programs required for different commodities, with different marketing organizations, and for different markets. Specifically some of the kinds of services needed are for market development and promotion in potential markets, long-term financing programs to ensure continuity of supply, integrated marketing programs, insurance, and assistance to ensure streamlined management of existing services over the life.

Marketing services are now provided by Agriculture Canada,