

We regret that the European Community was either unwilling or unable to show more flexibility in their position on this issue. If they had, perhaps the United States might have responded. That will have to happen over the next several months. This event in Montreal might prove to be just the therapy needed. Let us hope so.

Though we may be disappointed, we are not discouraged.

Moreover, it is important to emphasize the same system which failed to produce a deal on agriculture did succeed in giving us substantive progress in a great number of other areas.

I am referring to what we achieved in areas such as market access, dispute settlement, the functioning of the GATT, trade in services and tropical products.

I would like to thank other delegations for their cooperation in the group which I chaired and in which we made good progress on tariffs, on dispute settlement and on the functioning of the GATT, all of which are important to Canada.

In market access, we developed a framework for negotiating the greatest possible reduction in tariff and non-tariff barriers, particularly those affecting our exports of resource-based products at all stages of processing.