

SCOPE WITHIN THE TARIFF PLAN TO OBTAIN CREDIT FOR GREATER-THAN-FORMULA CUTS ON SOME ITEMS, IN ORDER TO OFFSET FULL OR PARTIAL EXCEPTIONS ON OTHERS.

IN THE WORK TOWARDS A PLAN TO GOVERN THE TARIFF SIDE OF THESE COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS THE CANADIAN DELEGATION IS PRESSING TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS SCOPE FOR NEGOTIATING DUTY-FREE ENTRY ON PRODUCTS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO LOW RATES OF DUTY IN FOREIGN MARKETS. THIS OBJECTIVE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR CANADA IN RESPECT OF OUR EXPORT INTERESTS IN RESOURCE-BASED SECTORS, BUT ALSO HAS APPLICATION ELSEWHERE. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION CONTINUES TO ARGUE STRONGLY ALSO FOR A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TRADE IN CERTAIN RESOURCE-BASED SECTORS COULD BE ADDRESSED IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED WAY, TO PERMIT NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL TRADE BARRIER CONSTRAINTS TO INCREASED PROCESSING OF SUCH CANADIAN RESOURCES INSIDE CANADA AND TO PROVIDE FOR GREATER AND MORE SECURE LIBERALIZATION OF TRADE IN THESE SECTORS THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE POSSIBLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

WHATEVER TARIFF PLAN MAY BE AGREED WILL, I BELIEVE, ALSO BE LINKED TO PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE MTN, ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE AND SOME OF THE NON-TARIFF MEASURES I HAVE MENTIONED. AS YOU KNOW, WORK IN GENEVA IS PROCEEDING ON THE ELABORATION OF DRAFT CODES OF CONDUCT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PRACTICES, TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE AND SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES. THE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IN THESE AREAS IS TO TABLE WELL-ADVANCED