

COUNCIL (CBIIAC), OF WHICH YOU ARE MEMBERS, TO BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. I RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS OF CBIIAC TO SPEAK TO US WITH ONE VOICE, BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.

WE ARE TRYING TO CONSULT MORE OFTEN. WE ARE TRYING TO CONSULT MORE ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. IN RECENT MONTHS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR OUR MEETINGS WITH CBIIAC HAVE INCLUDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEGISLATION, FAIR LABOUR PRACTICES AND COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO CONSULT MORE BEFORE POLICIES ARE SET BY GOVERNMENT.

IT IS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL WHEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS ABLE TO PRODUCE PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS. A CASE IN POINT IS THE REPORT ON EXTORTION AND BRIBERY IN BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN NOVEMBER, 1977. IN THAT REPORT, THE ICC RECOMMENDED THAT A TREATY BE DRAWN UP TO COMBAT CORRUPT PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS