

CANADIAN COORDINATOR FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The hallmark of the Tokyo Round of Negotiations just completed was consultation with the provinces and with all the private interest groups concerned,

consultation which, in my view, because of its ongoing and in-depth nature, explains to a large degree the positive outcome which we were able to obtain for the country as a whole and for this province.

Particularly noteworthy is the fact that in setting up the Canadian Trade and Tariffs Committee under the direction of my good friend Louis Couillard and in deciding to create the position of Canadian Coordinator for the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the Canadian Government spared no effort to produce an environment conducive to consultations. I hasten to add, however, that all of these efforts would have been in vain had it not been for the participation of the provincial governments and private enterprise.

Quebec's contribution in this connection has by no means been the least important. I would like to take the opportunity afforded me today to thank all those in Quebec who played a part in the consultative process and to stress the active role played by Quebec Government authorities, particularly by Bernard Landry, Minister of