

BENEFITS WILL ACCRUE. TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH PROCEDURES ARE MADE USE OF, THERE IS THE PROSPECT THAT VALUABLE INTERNATIONAL CASE LAW WILL BUILD UP AS A BULWARK AGAINST CHEATING AND ANY INCLINATION TO FRUSTRATE WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED (AND THERE WERE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT ALL THE MAIN TRADING COUNTRIES WILL BE WATCHING EACH OTHER CLOSELY AND WILL WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL UNDERTAKINGS ARE OBSERVED).

I WON'T TAKE TIME IN THIS PRESENTATION TO GO THROUGH EACH OF THESE NON-TARIFF MEASURE AGREEMENTS AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CANADA. I WILL BE PLEASED, OF COURSE, TO COME BACK TO MORE DETAILED COMMENTS ON ANY OF THEM IF PARTICULAR QUESTIONS ARISE DURING THE SECOND PART OF THIS MORNING'S SESSION. I MIGHT, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHT A FEW PARTICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS.

- AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD INJURY TEST IS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE USA COUNTERVAILING DUTY REGIME WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT JANUARY 1; AND THERE IS SCOPE FOR A REVIEW OF EXISTING COUNTERVAIL FINDINGS AGAINST THAT TEST - FOR EXAMPLE, THE FINDINGS AGAINST NOVA SCOTIA RADIAL TIRES, SASKATCHEWAN GLASS BEADS, ONTARIO ELECTRONIC SENSORS AND WEST AND EAST COAST GROUND FISH;
- A FIRST-EVER EFFORT ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PRACTICES HAS BEEN AGREED AND ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT YET COVER SUCH KEY AREAS OF CANADIAN EXPORT INTEREST AS COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND ELECTRICITY GENERATING AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, IT WILL BE UP FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE EXTENDED COVERAGE AFTER THREE YEARS OF OPERATION. EVEN WITH EXISTING COVERAGE LIMITATIONS, A VERY LARGE AREA OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT WILL NOW BE OPEN TO CANADIAN BIDDERS IN THE AMERICAN, EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE MARKETS IN RETURN FOR ACCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCERS TO THE MUCH