

By linking these issues to our international discussions in relation to trade the policy decisions are more likely to be in concurrence with the policies of our trading partners. Also it is believed that we would be in a better position to negotiate in respect of measures adopted by others which we consider distorts trade with these countries. Of particular significance is section 337 of the United States Tariff Act which enables owners of intellectual property to obtain import bans on the basis of an infringement of their rights. There are indications that the United States has or will be utilizing other legislation to restrict imports on the basis of intellectual property rights, such as the 1984 Trade Act.

Informal discussions with the private sector have indicated their general agreement with this approach.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That an interdepartmental committee be established to:

(a) make recommendations on the advisability of discussing matters bilaterally or multilaterally and co-ordinate the formulation of the position to be taken by Canada in any negotiations.