

*(ii) Group C*

The third group introduced the interviews it conducted with Japanese companies in Canada on tariffs. It revealed that Japanese companies felt Canadian tariffs on automobiles were high 6.1%.

**(3) On Regulatory Issues**

*(i) Group C*

This group conducted interviews with Japanese companies in Canada regarding potential Canadian regulatory issues. It revealed five areas of concern. First were the visa issuance procedures. It said that issuance delays occurred with highly skilled workers that they believed to be valuable to Canada. Second was the area of mutual recognition of safety standards. The companies urged the necessity for a simpler recognition process to facilitate business. Third was the protection of intellectual property. The group pointed out that counterfeits and pirated copies of Japanese goods were easily accessible and sold in some shopping malls, though no specific example was provided. Fourth was the area of tax investigations and application procedures. The group suggested that accelerated, simpler and more accurate procedures were needed, explaining that in some cases transfer pricing investigation could take up to five years. Fifth was an appeal for better coordination between the federal and provincial governments of Canada. One example given was a case that was repealed by the federal government after being approved by a provincial government.

*(ii) Group A*

This group explained that improving the business environment and promoting regulatory reform in both countries should be pri-