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Communication from the Discussants

In pursuance of Annex 3, paragraph C (iv) of the WTO Agreement, the following are outlines of the main points to be raised by the discussants, H.E. Mr. K. G. Anthony Hill (Jamaica) and H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi (Finland) at the Trade Policy Review of Canada on 15 and 17 December 1998.

It is recalled that the discussants act in their personal capacity.

(a) H.E. Mr. K. G. Anthony Hill

- Benefits of TPR reviews to Canada.
- Shared federal and provincial responsibilities in policy-making: evolution under the GATT and WTO.
- Marketing boards and other state intervention, given the WTO.
- Primary commodity reliance, currency depreciation and the level of protection.
- An open economy or a gradually opening economy?
- Canada's trade relations with developing countries.

(b) H.E. Mr. Pekka Huhtaniemi

- The regional and bilateral tendencies in Canada's foreign trade and trade policy.
 - Trade defence and non-tariff measures and international standardization.
 - Canada's attitude towards the GPA in general and the evolution of public procurement practices at the sub-federal level.
 - The sensitive or otherwise particular sectors in the Canadian economy: the supply-managed segments of agriculture, motor vehicles, textiles and clothing.
 - Trade policy measures as elements supporting Canada's efforts to become an advanced "information society".
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