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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 H.E. Mr. B. Gardner (United States) and H.E. Mr. Kesavapany (Singapore) at the review of Switzerland on 28-29 May 1996.

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

(a) Ambassador Booth Gardner

1. Switzerland's contribution to, and benefits from, the multilateral trading system.
2. Preferential trade policies in Europe - impact on m.f.n. trading partners.
3. Implementation of the Uruguay Round results - problems in agriculture?
4. Reform strategies in services sectors: air transport and insurance.

(b) Ambassador K. Kesavapany

1. Switzerland's non-participation in the European Economic Area - economic impact and policy response.
2. The "revitalization programme": objectives and achievements to date; remaining challenges.
3. Overcoming informal barriers to trade - the rôle of competition policy.