REPLIES BY CANADA TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE UNITED STATES ON THE CANADIAN NOTIFICATION OF SUBSIDIES UNDER ARTICLE XVI:1 (L/6111/Add.5)

Question

Why did the Government of Canada not report the following:

(a) export support loans and loan guarantees provided by the Ontario Development Corporation and

(b) the Quebec APEX grant programme for export market development?

Answer

This question raises the important issue of the scope of the notification requirements under GATT Article XVI:1. It should be noted that the Canadian notification deals with federal programmes.

The whole issue of the notification requirements under Article XVI:1 has been raised as an issue in the Uruguay Round. It is hoped that the MTN will provide greater direction with respect to this matter.