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Status of Negotiations

- ⌘ A second round of negotiations were held in Geneva on November 23-24, 1998. The two days of meetings included opening and closing plenary meetings. Working groups continued their discussions related to market access (including tariff and non-tariff barriers, rules of origin and trade facilitation and customs procedures); agriculture; services and investment; competition and trade remedies: (covering competition, state monopolies, subsidies and anti-dumping) and government procurement.
- ⌘ Progress was seen in each of the working groups however, it was decided that individual working groups should meet on a more frequent basis prior to the next negotiating.
- ⌘ Canada and EFTA confirmed their ambition to conclude a comprehensive trade agreement and to work towards concluding negotiations by mid-1999.

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