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In this conversation, Henry Blumington and Nicolas Stratverry are the trade ministers of two countries. They are discussing the trade relationship between the countries. Henry: Welcome, Nicolas. It ' s good to see you again. Nicolas: Good to see you too, Henry. Been a while, hasn ' t it? Henry: Indeed it has. That ' s a good indication of the generally solid trade relationship between our countries. There is one area of concern, though. I ' m sure you know what that is. Nicolas: Yes, the balance of trade in the computer parts industry. Henry: Right. Your government ' s high tariffs give your companies an unfair competitive advantage. There ' s been rumblings in our government about lodging a complaint with the WTO. That ' s why I called for this meeting, to see if we could resolve this without resorting to that measure. Nicolas: My government is already looking at gradually lowering the tariffs over the next 3 years. However, they want something in return. They think your government ' s subsidies in the agricultural industry are too high. With our low GDP compared to yours, they feel that the capital flow to your country because of this hurts us more than the capital flow from computer parts hurts your country. Henry: Those subsidies were set up to help recover from a number of years of low yield, not to create an unfair advantage. Nevertheless, I see your point, and I ' ll bring your request to their attention. I think we can work something out, since

productivity has started to rise to normal levels again. I ' ll let you know what they think. Nicolas: That would be appreciated. Well, sorry I have to run, but I must attend some last-minute meetings in New York before the U.N. conference starts. See you there tomorrow? Henry: Yes, you will. I ' m flying in this afternoon. Until tomorrow, then. 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)