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The issue of Domestically Prohibited Goods (Item 7 of the Committee's work programme) was discussed in some detail at the Committee's meeting in February 1995. At that time, several delegations reiterated the concerns they have over the continued shortcomings of multilateral mechanisms to ensure full transparency of trade in DPGs. Also at that meeting, a proposal was made by the Nigerian delegation to intensify work on this issue, with a view to presenting results to the Ministerial Meeting in Singapore, through establishing a technical sub-group of the Committee, open to all interested Members, which would carry the discussions forward and report regularly on its progress and, eventually, on its results to the full Committee on Trade and Environment. The technical sub-group would discuss Members' concerns and reach mutually agreed resolutions to the problems that are identified on the issue of DPGs and that will ensure proper environmental protection, the promotion of sustainable development, and WTO consistency.

The delegations associated with this communication wish to repeat the proposal to establish a technical sub-group on DPG and request the Committee to reach an agreement on this proposal at the earliest possible opportunity.