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**Committee on Market Access**

**[DRAFT] PROCEDURES FOR THE DERESTRICTION OF  
THE URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATING MATERIALS**

*Note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>*

Following the discussions held by the Committee at its informal meeting of 1 February 2022, the Secretariat has prepared a draft Decision (document G/MA/W/177) proposing the general derestriction of the Uruguay Round bilateral negotiating materials, including an annex with the inventory of the specific documents. The documents proposed for derestriction have already been made available to Members for review.<sup>2</sup> They will remain restricted until the derestriction process has been completed.

Members shall inform the Secretariat no later than [date] of any document in the list which they consider should remain restricted for a further period of time. In the absence of such a communication, it will be understood that all the documents listed in the inventory can be derestricted.

The draft Decision and its annex will be circulated by the Secretariat and included in the agenda of a formal meeting of the Committee for Members' consideration and action. As per the usual procedures, once the Committee approves the draft Decision, it would be forwarded to the General Council, through the Council for Trade in Goods, for appropriate action. The documents authorized by the Members will only be derestricted as from the date indicated in the General Council Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

<sup>2</sup> The inventory of documents was originally circulated to Members on 26 April 2021. Members had an initial period of six months, until 31 October 2021, to review the documents. At Members' request, this deadline was extended twice (until 30 November 2021 and 28 January 2022).