Opening of the Kennedy Round

STATEMENT MADE BY MR. A.T. VALLADAO,
PERSISTENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
ON 5 MAY 1964

The Brazilian delegation would like to express the great interest which the Brazilian Government attaches to the official opening of the Kennedy Round negotiations and its hope that they will succeed and will result in expansion of international trade. At the same time, it wishes to express the hope that these negotiations will yield solutions to certain problems, a number of which have already been examined by GATT, for instance the problem of access of products of less-developed countries to the markets of highly industrialized countries. The extent of the Brazilian Government's effective participation in these negotiations, which it considers of the highest importance, still depends on the rules which will ultimately be adopted regarding the participation of less-developed countries, the granting and the value of exceptions concerning their products, and measures relating to non-tariff barriers and agricultural products. The Brazilian Government has welcomed the statements made at this meeting by the distinguished representatives of highly industrialized countries who have indicated their governments' determination to respond to the trade expansion and economic development needs of the less-developed countries. It hopes that this determination can be translated into positive measures in the near future. Such action would be consistent with the noble and lofty objectives which inspired that eminent and much regretted statesman, Mr. John F. Kennedy.

END