SUBJECT: URUGUAY ROUND NEGOTIATING GROUP ON FUNCTIONING OF THE GATT SYSTEM

1. THE NINTH MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON FUNCTIONING OF THE GATT SYSTEM WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 1988 AT 10 A.M. IN THE CENTRE WILLIAM RAPPARD AND WILL CONTINUE ON TUESDAY 27 AND FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER. INFORMAL SESSIONS MAY ALSO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 AND/OR THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER IF THIS IS CONSIDERED USEFUL.

2. THE FOLLOWING AGENDA IS PROPOSED FOR THE MEETING:

(A) DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECTS DEFINED IN THE NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES (MTN.GNG/5) WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING COMMON WORKING TEXTS;

(B) CONSIDERATION OF THE GROUP’S FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER MEETINGS;

(C) OTHER BUSINESS.

3. UNDER ITEM (A), IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE GROUP FIRST REVERT TO THE DISCUSSION OF NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (iii) IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING, AND THEN TAKE UP QUESTIONS RELATING TO NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES (i) AND (ii). ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN, DATED 5 SEPTEMBER CIRCULATING A PAPER ON NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (iii).

4. THE FOLLOWING OTHER DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

MTN.GNG/NG14/8: NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT ON THE EIGHTH MEETING;
MTN.GNG/NG14/W/23: COMMUNICATION FROM INDIA ON BEHALF OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (i);
MTN.GNG/NG14/W/24: PROPOSAL BY CANADA ON NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (iii);
MTN.GNG/NG14/W/25: PROPOSAL BY THE NORDIC COUNTRIES ON NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (i);
MTN.GNG/NG14/W/26: PROPOSAL BY MEXICO ON NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVE (iii).

5. GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WISH TO BE REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING ARE INVITED TO INFORM ME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

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