SUBJECT: URUGUAY ROUND: GROUP OF NEGOTIATIONS ON SERVICES - GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES: VERIFICATION OF SCHEDULES OF COMMITMENTS AND MFN EXEMPTIONS

1. As announced by the Chairman of the GNS in the Group’s meeting of 11 December 1993, and as agreed by the Group, a process of verification of schedules of commitments in services and of lists of MFN exemptions will be established as set out below. It is emphasised that, negotiations on services having been concluded, the purpose of this process is to confirm the technical accuracy of schedules and exemption lists and not to amend their substantive content.

2. All participating countries are invited to communicate in writing to the Secretariat any specific questions they may wish to raise with respect to the schedules of commitments or the exemption lists of other participants, concerning the technical accuracy and clarity of schedules and exemption lists as a reflection of the agreed results of the negotiations, and their consistency with the guidelines established for their presentation.

3. All such written communications should reach the Secretariat by 27 January.

4. The Secretariat will prepare and circulate a consolidation of the communications received, listing the questions raised with respect to each country. This consolidation will be circulated by 1 February.

5. Meetings open to all participating countries will begin on Tuesday, 8 February at 10 a.m. in Centre William Pappard, at which the schedules and exemption lists will be examined and any necessary rectifications will be agreed. This will be done on the basis of the consolidated list of questions and of any further questions raised by participants during the meetings. The examination will take place by country, in English alphabetical order. This process will be completed by 25 February.

6. Following the examination of each schedule and exemption list it will be the responsibility of the country concerned to carry out the agreed rectifications and to submit to the Secretariat one copy of its final schedule and exemption list, together with a copy on diskette. This should be done no later than one week after the completion of the verification exercise for the country in question. The Secretariat will assist developing countries, on request, in the process of rectification and in the preparation of final schedules and exemption lists. The Secretariat will also prepare one copy of each schedule and exemption list on treaty paper for annexation to the final act.

7. Final schedules and exemption lists will be translated into the three official languages. The authentic version of each will however be that in the language in which it is submitted.

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3 DISKETTE TEXT SHOULD BE IN WORD PERFECT FOR WINDOWS (WPF) OR IN REVISED FORMAT TEXT (RFT).