SUBJECT: URUGUAY ROUND: TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

1. As agreed at the meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee at official level on 15 December 1993 (MTN.TNC/40), the meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee at ministerial level will be held in the Convention Centre (Palais des Congres) in Marrakesh, Morocco, beginning on Tuesday, 12 April 1994. The meeting will continue through to 15 April.

2. The meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee will be preceded by an opening ceremony which will begin at 10 A.M. on 12 April. Details of the practical arrangements will be communicated shortly. Delegations are requested to be in their seats by 9.45 A.M.

3. As agreed in the course of informal consultations at the level of heads of delegations, the provisional agenda for the meeting of the TNC will be as follows:

   I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA;

   II. GENERAL STATEMENTS:

      In accordance with the practice followed at previous Uruguay Round ministerial meetings, ministers wishing to make statements will be invited to do so in a single presentation under this agenda item. Given the tight schedule due to the expected large attendance by ministers, it is important that ministers limit their statements to no more than five minutes. Facilities will be available for circulating longer presentations as meeting documents. To enable the Secretariat to satisfy interpretation, reproduction and circulation requirements, copies of all statements should be made available to the Secretary of the Committee well in advance of the session at which they are to be made.

      TNC participants who have not yet communicated their wish to be inscribed on the speakers list should do so as soon as possible to the Secretary of the TNC.

   III. ACTION BY THE MINISTERS.

4. Following the conclusion of the meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee, a formal signature ceremony will take place on Friday, 15 April. Details will be communicated as they become available.

5. Governments which have participated in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, international organizations which have previously attended proceedings of this Committee or of other earlier bodies of the Uruguay Round and, pursuant to the Committee's decision at its meeting on 28 July 1993, governments currently negotiating their accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and having already notified their wish to be associated with the multilateral trade negotiations, wishing to be represented at this meeting are invited to submit by 25 March 1994 the names of their representatives and their credentials to the GATT Secretariat, Centre William Rappard, Geneva, Switzerland.

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6. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PERIODICALLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING. THE FIRST TWO SUCH COMMUNICATIONS ARE BEING CIRCULATED IN MTN.TNC/INF/13 AND 14. DELEGATIONS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEIR NEEDS PARTICULARLY FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION, AND FOR OFFICE SPACE AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE MARRAKESH TASK FORCE THROUGH THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MOROCCO AT CHEMIN FRANCOIS LEHMANN 18A, 1218 GRAND-SACONNEX, SWITZERLAND.

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