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Corrigendum

The delegation of Norway has provided the following information, containing amendments of a factual nature, to replace the details relating to Norway on page 29 of document L/3710.

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Quantitative restrictions

The Group noted with satisfaction that the remaining restrictions on rice (BTN 10.06) had been removed as recommended in L/3610 and that global quotas for products of considerable interest to developing countries, such as cut flowers and live plants, had been substantially increased.

The Group also noted that Norway continues to apply licensing controls and restrictions on a comparatively large number of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the BTN. The Group believes that there is no a priori reason why Norway could not take action in the immediate future to liberalize fully at least products of interest to developing countries such as natural honey, cut flowers and vegetables and certain fruits (fresh, preserved or dried).

Other non-tariff barriers

The Group was informed that the recommendation in L/3610 concerning purchases of wine and other alcoholic products from developing countries had been brought to the attention of the Norwegian State Monopoly responsible for imports of these items.

Tropical products

The Group noted that Norway had not so far implemented the recommendation in L/3610 that chocolate and other preparations containing cocoa be included in the Norwegian scheme of preferences. The Group suggests that further consideration of this recommendation be given by the Norwegian authorities.