Committee on the Legal and Institutional Framework of GATT in Relation to Less-Developed Countries

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED DURING MEETING ON 16 SEPTEMBER TO DRAFT CHAPTER CONTAINED IN L/2195/Rev.1

Amendments proposed by Brazil

1. It is proposed that the following text be inserted under Section I (Principles and Objectives) as new paragraph 2(f) and that the present paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) become (g), (h) and (i):

"there is need for a joint effort of the intergovernmental bodies whose activities are relevant in matters relating to trade and development and the organs and agencies of the United Nations system on behalf of the economic development of less-developed countries".

2. It is also proposed that the following text be inserted in Section IV (Joint Action in Relation to Economic Development), as new paragraph 7(c), the following paragraphs being numbered accordingly:

"seek appropriate collaboration with the Conference and the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations and with other organs and agencies of the United Nations system in all aspects of trade and development policy".

Paragraph 3(d)

Proposal by Japan (accepted ad referendum)

It is proposed that the square brackets in this paragraph be removed and that the text read as follows:
"make every effort, in cases where a government directly or indirectly determines the resale price of products wholly or mainly produced in less-developed contracting parties, to maintain trade margins at equitable levels".

**Paragraph 3(e)**

**Proposal by India** (accepted ad referendum with Japan reviewing its reservation to paragraph and interpretative note)

It is proposed that the paragraph should now read:

"give active consideration to the adoption of other measures designed to provide greater scope for the development of imports from less-developed contracting parties and collaborate in appropriate international action to this end".

**Paragraph 3(f)**

**Proposal by Uruguay** (accepted ad referendum)

It is proposed that the text of this paragraph read as follows:

"have special regard to the trade interests of less-developed contracting parties when considering the application of other measures permitted under the General Agreement to meet particular problems and to explore all possibilities of constructive remedies before applying such measures where they would affect essential interests of those contracting parties".

**Paragraph 3(i)**

**Proposal by Brazil**

It is proposed that the text of this paragraph should be replaced by the following:

"in formulating and implementing their domestic policies affecting trade in primary products, avoid measures which stimulate in their countries uneconomic production in such a way as to deprive developing countries
of the opportunity to obtain a fair and reasonable share of world markets and market growth. Where existing levels of protection have adverse effects upon the trade and trade opportunities of developing countries, developed countries should aim to modify the form or reduce the aggregate of such protection."