The less-developed countries have proposed certain amendments to the text of page 2 (Reduction of tariff barriers to trade) of document Spec(61)366. This page is reproduced below with the proposed amendments underlined:

"The Ministers recognized that, in working out new procedures, such as linear tariff reductions or specific programmes of phased reduction over a period of years, the need for exceptions might have to be considered, although this should not be allowed to obstruct the implementation of whatever procedures were eventually agreed upon. Full account would have to be taken of the differing characteristics of the trade of contracting parties and the problems which arose for countries exporting only a few commodities. Ministers of countries which were not primarily exporters of industrial goods, including less-developed countries, expressed the willingness of their governments to consider participation consistent with their development and fiscal needs in any future endeavours to reduce tariffs on a most-favoured-nation basis, provided they were able to obtain real trade benefits through, inter alia, the negotiation of other barriers to trade, and that they secured appropriate safeguards against the nullification or impairment of concessions through the application of restrictive non-tariff measures.

On the lines of recommendations made by Committee III and of the procedures originally contemplated in respect of the present Tariff Conference, the Ministers agreed that, in view of the stage of economic development of the less-developed countries, a more flexible attitude should be taken with respect to the degree of reciprocity to be expected from these countries."

The less-developed countries have also proposed the following amendment to paragraph 2 of page 4 of Spec(61)366:

**Line 3**

Add after "markets" the words "for raw materials and semi-processed and processed goods".

**Line 6**: delete "increasing" and substitute "raising".