GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Multilateral Trade Negotiations
Group "Tropical Products"

PRESENTATION OF INITIAL OFFERS - PROCEDURES

Note by the Secretariat

1. Paragraphs 7, 8 and 10 of the Chairman's Summing-Up and Record of Decisions of the fourth meeting of the Group "Tropical Products" refer to arrangements for the presentation of initial offers. Paragraph 10 states that "The offer lists will be presented subject to the requirements of confidentiality being respected with not more than two copies for each delegation". In order to comply with these arrangements, the following procedures are suggested:

(i) Countries presenting global initial offer lists (MTN/TP/5, paragraph 7) should provide 158 copies to the secretariat for circulation to participants in the Group "Tropical Products" including two copies for retention by the secretariat.

(ii) Two copies of each initial offer list transmitted directly by the offer-making country to each requesting country concerned (MTN/TP/5, paragraph 8) should be deposited with the secretariat.

(iii) Countries presenting initial offer lists to each requesting country concerned (MTN/TP/5, paragraph 8) through the secretariat should indicate the requesting countries to which the initial offer lists should be transmitted and provide the required number of copies for this purpose including two copies for retention by the secretariat.

(iv) Initial offer lists received by the secretariat shall be stamped secret and numbered and shall be handed to participants against a formal receipt.

(v) Initial offer lists sent to the secretariat should be addressed to Mr. H.A. Millan, Secretary, Group "Tropical Products", GATT, Annex II, Room 137 (34.60.11 extension 2098).

1 Seventy-nine participating countries, including the nine member States of the EEC and the EEC Commission, have been represented at meetings of the Group "Tropical Products".