Proposed Amendments

The following texts have been proposed by certain contracting parties for inclusion in Section C - Conclusions Relating to Trade of Developing Countries - of draft document W.24/54.

Paragraph (b) Tropical products

Add a second paragraph reading:

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that early steps should be taken for removal of internal charges and revenue duties on tropical products."

Paragraph (f) Preferences to be granted by developed countries to developing countries

The following alternative sentences have been proposed for addition at the end of the existing text:

Alternative 1: They also affirmed their willingness to play a constructive rôle in the solution of problems connected with the formulation and application of special tariff measures in favour of developing countries, in the light of the objectives, provisions and principles of the General Agreement.
Alternative 2: They also affirmed their willingness to play a constructive rôle in the field of preferences, as appropriate, after the second UNCTAD.

New Paragraph Specific Problems

The following new paragraphs are proposed for inclusion after paragraph (a) - Advance Implementation of the Kennedy Round reductions:

1. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed to arrange for negotiations or taking other steps to find solutions to specific problems of developing countries identified in the course of the Kennedy Round, which remained unresolved due to time pressures.

2. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the possibility of eliminating duties on products made by hand and other labour intensive products of cottage industries should be examined with a view to taking early action.

3. The CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that immediate action should be taken to eliminate or reduce duties on products of interest to developing countries and, in particular, tariffs which disproportionately protect processed products as compared with primary products.