TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Specific Negotiating Results for the Uruguay Round Mid-Term Review
Submitted by Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada,
Central American Countries, Colombia, European Communities,
Finland, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway,
Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand

Corrigendum

The delegation of Austria has notified the following information with regard to its Tropical Products offer contained in MTN.GNG/17.

Following up the intervention of the Austrian delegation at the meeting of the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products held on 14 June 1989, I should like to confirm that the Austrian offer on tropical products has essentially been approved by Parliament. Two offers of reduced GSP-rates concerning items in Group VI, however, were not approved, namely:

- HS No. 44.08.20: Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood of certain tropical woods.
- HS No. 44.12.11: Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood of certain tropical woods.

The debate in Parliament has clearly shown that M.Ps. were entirely aware of the importance trade liberalization for tropical products has mainly for developing countries and supported the aims of the government's proposal. A large majority of representatives, however, felt, that a symbolic gesture was needed at the international level showing serious concern for the global environmental situation partly caused by deforestation.

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