COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

The Chairman of the Group of Negotiations on Goods has received the following further communication, dated 5 December 1988, from the Chairman of the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products (see MTN.GNG/15).

As stated in my communication to you dated 25 November 1988 (MTN.GNG/15) I have carried out further informal consultations with a number of interested participants with a view to obtaining a set of early results for consideration and adoption by Ministers in Montreal in the area of tropical products.

These further consultations have produced a set of specific results which contain negotiated contributions by a number of participants in the area of tropical products in the context of the Uruguay Round Mid-Term Review. These have been made on the understanding that this will enable Ministers to adopt the text on tropical products contained in Section III of the Report of the Group of Negotiations on Goods to the Trade Negotiations Committee (MTN.GNG/13). A document embodying the results is being circulated (document MTN.GNG/17).

Another participant has presented a list of contributions which is subject to confirmation before the end of the Mid-Term Review. This list is also being circulated (document MTN.GNG/17/Add.1).

Participants wish to stress that they would welcome additional contributions from other participants at the Mid-Term Review to the liberalization of trade in tropical products.