The following communication, dated 11 April 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua, with the request that this proposal be brought to the attention of the Negotiating Group.

In accordance with the procedures agreed by the Negotiating Group on Tariffs (MTN.GNG/NG1/17), I transmit herewith Nicaragua’s initial and conditional offer within the Group.

This offer, which we shall spell out in detail shortly, does not commit Nicaragua in any way, since it is conditional upon satisfactory results in the Round as a whole and in the area of tropical products in particular.

Nicaragua proposes the following:

1. Binding of its entire tariff at a maximum level of 60 per cent (with some exceptions for fiscal reasons), including in particular:

   (a) Chapters 25-99 (HS);
   
   (b) Tropical products (7 groups).

2. Exceptions could take the form of:

   (a) exclusions;
   
   (b) binding at higher levels.