The following communication, dated 18 September 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico.

Participants in the Round are informed that all the agricultural products contained in the "Initial Proposal by Mexico for the Negotiating Group on Tariffs" have been transferred from the Negotiating Group on Tariffs to the Negotiating Group on Agriculture and accordingly are no longer subject to the across-the-board reduction mentioned in the initial proposal.

The transfer of these products from one negotiating group to the other should not be construed as a withdrawal of those products from the Uruguay Round negotiations. The products remain on the negotiating table. However, Mexico's contribution on them will be made in the light of the procedures that may be agreed in the Negotiating Group on Agriculture for all agricultural products and of the benefits it obtains through the contributions of the other participants on such products.

It should be recalled that in the Negotiating Group on Agriculture Mexico has proposed (MTN.GNG/NG5/W/177) a reduction or elimination of tariffs applicable to the various categories of agricultural products, including fruit and vegetables, equal to or greater than the targets set in the Mid-Term Review text for the tariff negotiations, that is to say, at least 33 per cent starting from the base rate. This proposal remains valid and will be implemented by Mexico in accordance with the Mid-Term Review text in so far as other participants do the same.

Mexico is prepared to undertake the necessary efforts for the negotiations on market access to be carried out on an effectively multilateral and intrinsically ambitious basis. In its view, the best way of achieving the Montreal objective remains the application of multilaterally agreed formula-type methods without discriminating among sectors.