FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS

Chairman's Suggestions

[In the negotiations, participants will observe the principles and guidelines set out in the Ministerial Declaration launching the Uruguay Round (including Part I.B, paragraphs iv-vii of the Declaration), the Negotiating Plan for non-tariff measures (MTN.GNG/5, page 6) and paragraph 2 of the Mid-Term Review Agreement on non-tariff measures (MTN.TNC/11, page 5). They adopt the following procedures for the conduct of the negotiations:

A. Multilateral rule-making approaches

Participants wishing to do so will submit by 15 October 1989 drafts setting out each category of measure which they would like to see covered by rule-making approaches and their specific proposals with regard to each such category. The participants will retain the right to put forward additional drafts at any stage of the negotiations. The participants will examine these drafts with a view to reaching agreement on rules of general application. [Rules of general application may be implemented immediately or over agreed time-frames which may be longer for developing countries.]

B. Multilateral formula approaches

Participants remain free to bring forward proposals for the application of multilateral formula approaches to particular measures. The Negotiating Group will examine proposals made.

Where understandings are reached in the Negotiating Group concerning the appropriateness, applicability and scope of application of formula approaches to particular measures, the necessary procedures will be elaborated.

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C. Request-and-offer approaches

The following procedures are without prejudice to any action to be taken in fulfilment of the rollback commitments contained in Part I.C of the Ministerial Declaration launching the Uruguay Round.

(a) Participants should submit by 15 October 1989, initial request lists according to the attached format (Annex I). Such initial request lists can be modified or supplemented at any time. These lists may be submitted in any official GATT language.

(b) [Initial request lists will be submitted to the participant concerned, with copies being made available to the secretariat. Copies will be circulated by the secretariat in their original language to all participants in the negotiations, with due regard to confidentiality requirements.]

or

[Initial request lists will be submitted to the participant concerned, with copies being made available to the secretariat which will provide the Negotiating Group with summaries of each participant's request lists. These summaries will be examined by the Negotiating Group.]

(c) Participants which have adopted autonomous liberalization measures will receive appropriate recognition for them. Accordingly, when making their requests, participants seeking recognition for autonomous liberalization measures should give details of the measures that they have adopted and the precise recognition that they are seeking.

(d) The participants concerned will consult bilaterally as necessary on these request lists, with a view to clearing up any technical points which may arise.

(e) Initial consolidated offers made in response to initial requests should be submitted by 15 January 1990 to participants making these requests according to the attached format (Annex II). These offers, which may be submitted in any official GATT language, will at the same time be given to the secretariat which will provide the Negotiating Group with a summary of each participant's offers. These summaries will be examined by the Negotiating Group.

(f) [Participants may offer to implement some measures either immediately or over time-frames to be agreed.]
(g) In the submission of offers, special attention will be given to the requests emanating from developing country participants. Particular efforts will be made to ensure special treatment for the least-developed countries, which may take the form of advanced implementation for them of liberalization measures.

D. Action by the Negotiating Group

The Negotiating Group will [review] [monitor] [follow] progress made in the negotiations with a view to ensuring that the principles and guidelines adopted for the negotiations are observed. [These reviews will be carried out with the help of reports to be provided by the participants.]


**ANNEX I**

**REQUEST LIST**

Requested by [participant] from [participant]

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ANNEX II

CONSOLIDATED OFFER LIST

Submitted by [participant]

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