PROTOCOLS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS*

Adopted on 22 March 1990

1. In order to comply with the objectives of the negotiations in NRBPs established at Punta del Este and in the light of the relevant Decision by Ministers at the Mid-Term Review, the participants:

   - may submit to the secretariat by 20 April 1990 in respect of one or more countries specific proposals;
   - should also notify the secretariat of proposals, offers or requests which they have made in other negotiating groups that they consider relevant to negotiations on NRBPs.

After receiving such submissions and notifications, the secretariat will distribute them simultaneously to all participants who have made either submissions or notifications, or who are the subject of submissions.

2. Participants will endeavour to submit by 21 May 1990 to the other participants involved, and simultaneously to the secretariat, responses to the notifications and to the submissions made to the NRBP Negotiating Group.

3. The Negotiating Group will meet on 7 May 1990 and periodically thereafter to discuss issues, submissions and notifications and to ensure: the transparency of the negotiations; the application of the most-favoured-nation principle; that the progress of the NRBP negotiations is consistent with progress in other related areas of negotiations in the Uruguay Round; and that the objectives of the negotiations in NRBPs established at Punta del Este are met.

4. Concessions made in other negotiating groups will be taken fully into account in assessing a participant's contribution. The provisions of Part I.B, of the Punta del Este Declaration apply to the NRBP negotiations.

*These procedures are without prejudice to participants' positions on the issues outstanding before the NRBP Negotiating Group.