1. The group, chaired by Mr. L. Duthie (Australia), held its final meeting of the year on 10 November 1988.

2. The Group discussed the Chairman's report to the GNG for the Uruguay Round Mid-Term Review. Several delegations noted that it was understood that the first indent of Part B, paragraph 6 of that Report, referred to the negotiating objective as stated in the Ministerial Declaration, that is that "negotiations shall aim to achieve the fullest liberalization of trade in natural resource-based products including in their processed and semi-processed forms. The negotiations shall aim to reduce or eliminate tariff and non-tariff measures, including tariff escalation." This understanding was confirmed in the discussion.