PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Communication from Bangladesh

On 15 February 1988 the delegation of Bangladesh on behalf of the least-developed countries submitted to the Sub-Committee on Trade of Least-Developed Countries a communication on the Uruguay Round and the least-developed countries. This communication which contained preliminary proposals both of a general and specific nature for consideration by participants was transmitted to the negotiating groups through the Chairman of the Group of Negotiations on Goods (MTN.GNG/W/14/Rev.1). At the time the proposals were submitted, the delegation of Bangladesh reserved the right to add to and amend the preliminary proposals and address them to individual negotiating groups.

Accordingly, the following proposal is being submitted for the consideration of the negotiating group.

Natural resource-based products are of major importance to the trade and development of least-developed countries and the sovereign right of these countries to adopt all appropriate measures for the safeguard and development of such resources must be recognized. Any agreement in this sector shall allow for the right of least-developed countries to protect and optimize the utilization of their natural resource products and provide for support and assistance, including assistance to export development.