NEGOTIATING GROUP ON NATURAL RESOURCE-BASED PRODUCTS

Communication from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The following communication dated 31 October 1990, has been received from the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Permanent Mission of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the GATT Secretariat and in compliance with the agreed procedures for negotiations (doc. MTN.GNG/NG3/16) has the honour to notify that Yugoslavia submitted on 30 October 1990 its revised proposal on tariffs in the relevant negotiating group. The proposal also includes all previously unbounded natural resource-based products. For these products Yugoslavia proposes ceiling bindings at the level 40%.

In preparing this proposal Yugoslavia has taken into account the relevant provisions of Part I-B of the Punta del Este Declaration as well as the fact that, after the launching of the Uruguay Round, she has undertaken a substantial autonomous liberalization of non-tariff measures on products covered by the negotiations in this group.

Yugoslavia intends to seek recognition for the above mentioned liberalization which, accompanied by the low or moderate-level of applied tariff rates, provides for substantially improved access to the Yugoslav market for these products.

We kindly ask the Negotiating Group on Natural Resource-Based Products to take note of the Yugoslav tariff offer and autonomous contribution in the field of non-tariff measures for products covered by the negotiations in this group.

The Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the GATT Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.