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 proposals are being submitted for the consideration of the Negotiating Group on Textiles and Clothing.

All existing restraints on textiles and clothing products exported by the least-developed countries shall be phased out on an accelerated basis. Pending the integration of the textiles and clothing sector into the GATT, no restraints shall be applied to imports from the least-developed countries.

The concept of transitional régime should not apply in the case of imports from the least-developed countries.

The least-developed countries shall be exempted from any safeguard measures negotiated in the Negotiating Group on Textiles and Clothing.