ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. The Negotiating Group on Agriculture met on 13 and 14 October 1988 to continue its work under the Subsequent Negotiating Process.

2. The Group examined the proposals submitted and further considered specific elements of these proposals and related working papers or communications under the relevant items of its agenda. In this regard the Group considered and undertook an exchange of views: on a proposal by Korea (NG5/W/80); on a supplementary submission by Japan (NG5/W/81); and on the proposal co-sponsored by Egypt, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco and Peru (NG5/W/74). In addition, a paper on "An Approach for a Concerted Reduction of Support in the Long Term" was submitted by the European Economic Community (NG5/W/82). Statements by the United States on the agriculture negotiations, by India on special and differential treatment and by Switzerland will be issued in due course as NG5/W/83 to 85 respectively.

3. The Group confirmed the terms of reference proposed for the Working Group on Health and Sanitary Regulations and Barriers (NG5/10, paragraph 3 refers). Statements made in this connection would be recorded in the summary of the present meeting.

4. It was noted that interested participants had been invited to submit detailed and complete versions of their proposals as they relate to the use of an aggregate measurement in order to facilitate an early report by the Technical Group on AMS on options for the use of an aggregate measurement in connection with possible commitments which might be adopted at the Mid-Term Review.

5. The Group undertook an exchange of views on the report that the Chairman of the Negotiating Group was requested to submit to the GNG. It was noted that the Chairman would be consulting informally on this subject and that a draft would be circulated before the next meeting of the Negotiating Group which is to be held on 14-15 November 1988.

6. The secretariat would prepare a brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting.