TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. At its meeting on 5 April 1990 the Negotiating Group on Agriculture pursued the elaboration and clarification of proposals submitted for the achievement of the long-term objective of the agriculture negotiations and undertook an initial examination of communications submitted by Canada (MTN.GNG/NG5/W/159), Switzerland (NG5/W/160) and by Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala (NG5/W/162). In this regard the Group had before it a note on the clarification exercise undertaken by the secretariat (NG5/W/161) and a revision of the Synoptic Table (NG5/W/150/Rev.1). It was noted that Austria would submit a clarification of its own proposal.

2. The Group took note of the compliance reports submitted since the last meeting by Sweden (NG5/W/155) and Japan (NG5/W/163). The Group also took note of the notification submitted by Argentina under paragraph 17 of the Mid-Term Review Decision on Agriculture.

3. The Group discussed the question of sanitary and phytosanitary regulations and agreed, as recommended by the Working Group (NG5/WGSP/4), that the International Office of Epizootics be requested to develop guidelines for the use of trade restrictions with regard to foot-and-mouth disease.

4. The Group will hold its next meeting on 7 and 8 May 1990 and thereafter meetings are planned in the weeks of 11 June and 9 July 1990.

5. A brief summary of the main points raised in the course of the present meeting will be prepared by the secretariat.