TWENTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. At its meeting on 15 June 1990, the Negotiating Group on Agriculture further considered the modalities for negotiations on internal support, border measures and export competition in the light of the TNC decision setting the deadline of July for a framework agreement, and a report presented by the Chairman on his recent informal consultations (to be circulated as NG5/W/170).

2. The Group took note of a paper submitted by Austria (NG5/W/168 and Corr.1) and of a statement by Egypt on behalf of the net food importing developing countries (to be circulated as NG5/W/171) concerning the secretariat note NG5/W/167.

3. As proposed in the report presented by the Chairman of the Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulations and Barriers (to be circulated as NG5/WGSP/5), it was agreed that a draft of a framework for an agreement on sanitary and phytosanitary measures should be drawn up for initial consideration at the 2-4 July 1990 meeting of the Working Group.

4. Participants are requested to submit, as soon as practicable, the compliance reports that are now due in terms of paragraph 16 of the Mid-Term Review Decision on Agriculture.

5. It was noted that the Chairman's text of a draft framework agreement for the agricultural negotiations would be circulated to participants by 2 July for consideration at the meeting of the Negotiating Group to be held in the week of 9 July 1990.

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