TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

Note by the Chairman

1. At its meeting on 4 October 1990 the Negotiating Group continued its consideration of the subjects outlined in the agenda (GATT/AIR/3099) other than items B and C on which it was agreed to defer discussion in the meantime.

2. Note was taken of the fact that country lists had so far been submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, Sweden and Switzerland. Morocco and Uruguay indicated that their country lists were being transmitted. It was also noted that Japan had submitted an offer list. Participants whose lists are outstanding are requested to submit them at the latest by 15 October 1990.

3. It was agreed that the proposal submitted by the Chairman on the product coverage of the agricultural negotiations (attached) would be the guideline for the submission of offers.

4. The secretariat was requested to produce an overview of the country lists as they related to where the line might be drawn between internal measures not subject to reduction (green box) and other measures.

5. Note was taken of the working paper submitted for the consideration of the Group by Egypt, Jamaica, Morocco and Peru on a Uruguay Round window for net food-importing developing countries.

6. Note was taken of the progress report presented by the Chairman of the Working Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and of the views expressed by some participants regarding further meetings of the Working Group.

7. The Group took note of the compliance report submitted by Finland.

8. It was noted that pursuant to the request contained in MTN.TNC/15, the Chairman would, on his own responsibility, provide the Chairman of the TNC with an assessment of the situation in the agricultural negotiations.

9. It was agreed to suspend the present meeting of the Negotiating Group and to reconvene on dates to be announced after 15 October 1990.
Product Coverage for the Negotiations in NG5

Proposal by the Chairman

1. Harmonized System Chapters 1 to 23 less fisheries (H.S. Chapter 3; Heading 0511 91 90 (dead fish, not for consumption); Headings 1604 and 1605 (prepared fish and crustaceans); Heading 1902 20 10 (pasta stuffed with fish)).

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2. H.S. Heading 2401 (un-manufactured tobacco).

3. Heading 3301 (essential oils).

4. Ex Heading 3501 (casein; less casein glues).

5. Ex Heading 3502 (albumins; less albumins unfit for human consumption).

6. Ex Heading 3502 (albuminates and albumin derivatives).

7. Headings 4101 to 4103 (hides and skins).

8. Headings 4301 to 4302 (undressed and dressed furskins).

9. Headings 5101 to 5103 (wool and animal hair).


11. Heading 5202 (cotton waste).