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 proposal is being submitted for the consideration of the Negotiating Group on Safeguards.

Safeguard measures shall not be applied by importing countries to exports of the least-developed countries irrespective of whether these countries individually or collectively, are principal suppliers or not.