MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP OF 9 DECEMBER 1991

Chairman: Ambassador Lars E.R. Anell (Sweden)

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Chairman informed the Group of his intentions regarding the organization of further work, with a view to producing a revised version of the TRIPS text settling all the outstanding substantive differences by the end of the year, in accordance with the goal set by the Chairman of the TNC. In order to achieve this, he said that he intended to explore solutions to the outstanding points of difference in specific areas in informal consultations in groups with variable membership depending on the interest shown by participants in the specific points under discussion. The acceptability of the texts so developed would be then tested in progressively wider circles. He would also hold periodic consultations in order to keep all interested participants fully informed of developments. He suggested that the Negotiating Group meet again on 16 December 1991.

2. A number of participants stressed the importance of ensuring transparency and balanced representation in the further process of negotiations.

3. Some participants reaffirmed the position of their delegations on points they regarded as of key importance.

4. The Group took note of these statements and of the Chairman's remarks recorded in paragraph 1 above.