MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP OF 16 DECEMBER 1991

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

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Chairman reported on the consultations that he had held and on the present status of the work in regard to the different parts of the Agreement.

2. A participant, speaking on behalf of the African countries, made a statement highlighting aspects of the Agreement of particular interest or concern to African countries.

3. Another participant made a statement describing his delegation's concerns about several aspects of the text being developed on geographical indications.

4. In response to a suggestion that the usage of the terms "nationals" and "country" in the text should be amended wherever feasible so as to take into account the possibility that territories that were not countries might become PARTIES to the agreement, the Chairman said that this matter would be taken care of in the final tidying up of the draft expected to take place in the early months of next year.

5. The Group took note of the statements made.