COMMUNICATION FROM VENEZUELA

Declaration by the Government of Venezuela
to the Group of Negotiations on Services

The following communication is circulated at the request of the
delegation of Venezuela.

Since Venezuela's formal accession to the General Agreement on Tariffs
and Trade (GATT) on 1 September 1990, the Permanent Mission of Venezuela
has participated actively and with great interest in the negotiations in
the area of goods and services under the Uruguay Round. Venezuela is
making every effort to overcome the disadvantages of having joined in the
Uruguay Round four years after its commencement.

Venezuela has not therefore yet submitted its initial offer of
commitments to the Group of Negotiations on Services. Nevertheless,
through this communication we wish to state that we are earnestly striving
to ensure that our initial offer will be submitted within a reasonable
lapse of time in accordance with the time limits laid down.

It is our intention that the Venezuelan offer should constitute an
appropriate contribution to meeting the objectives of the GNS and should
observe the relevant guidelines approved during the negotiations.

Our preliminary offer will be along the following lines:

- It will be subject to modification depending on the final results
  of the negotiations on services, both with regard to the
  Framework Agreement and the Sectoral Annexes as well as the level
  of offers by other countries;

- It will be subject to modification in the light of negotiations
  with other participants;

- It will enter into force concomitantly with the Framework
  Agreement.

GATT SECRETARIAT
UR-91-0084