The attached communication is circulated at the request of the delegation of Bangladesh to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services.

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.

Paragraph 7(f) of the agreed text of the mid-term review in the Group of Negotiations on Services says, inter alia, that "Particular account shall be taken of the serious difficulty of the least-developed countries in accepting negotiated commitments in view of their special economic situation and their development, trade and financial needs". This principle should be fully applied in all sections of any framework or sectoral agreements negotiated in this group.