Meetings of the three main negotiating bodies of the Uruguay Round, on 25 April, took note of a new group structure and chairmen for the next phase of work. Mr Arthur Dunkel, told the Trade Negotiations Committee that the new structure was "flexible and result-oriented" and that it was "designed to encourage substantive negotiations and to help achieve political breakthroughs with the minimum delay".

"If we are to prevent a situation of drift in the negotiations, it is clear that we should be making substantial progress in the negotiations in the three months that we have before the summer break", commented Mr Dunkel. "The new structure is, in a sense, a signal that we have shifted gear", he added.

The groups and their chairmen were announced after consultations conducted by Ambassador Rubens Ricupero of Brazil, in his role as Chairman of GATT's Contracting Parties. They are as follows:

- **MARKET ACCESS** (tariffs, non-tariff measures, natural resource-based products, tropical products).
  - Mr Germain Denis

- **TEXTILES AND CLOTHING**
  - Mr Arthur Dunkel

- **AGRICULTURE**
  - Mr Arthur Dunkel

- **RULE-MAKING** (subsidies and countervailing duties, anti-dumping, safeguards, preshipment inspection, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, import licensing procedures, customs valuation, government procurement and a number of specific GATT Articles) and TRIMs.
  - Ambassador George Maciel assisted by Mr Rudi Ramsauer
The Group of Negotiations on Services will continue to be chaired by Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo. Ambassador Jaramillo will now be assisted by Ambassador David Hawes.

Note to Editors.

1. Mr Arthur Dunkel remains chairman of the Group of Negotiations on Goods (GNG) - to which all of the above groups, with the exception of that on services, report - and the Trade Negotiations Committee when it meets at official level.

2. Ambassador Lars Anell

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Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to GATT