The following communication, dated 15 April 1986, has been received from the delegation of Argentina with the request that it be circulated to all members of the Preparatory Committee.

Taking into account the technical work and elaboration carried out in the Committee on Trade in Agriculture and the recommendations of 1984, approved by the Committee and by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, which will help form the negotiating framework, developed contracting parties must undertake:

1. To extend to agriculture the commitments in regard to standstill and rollback, in regard both to import sectors and measures and to export incentive practices;

2. To respect liberalization commitments already entered into, particularly in the area of tariffs, and to accept that the rules to be established in regard to non-tariff measures result in commitments on minimum access. This principle must be applied to all products falling within the agricultural sector;

3. That as a result of the negotiations, all types of export subsidies or measures having similar effects are to be subject to strict disciplines that eliminate existing distortions;

4. Under the commitments entered into, to adjust national policies so as progressively to eliminate all obstacles to full integration of this sector within the GATT rules.