TROPICAL PRODUCTS

The following communication, dated 24 June 1986, has been received from the delegations of Colombia and Sri Lanka with the request that it be circulated to all members of the Preparatory Committee.

1. The Contracting Parties recognise the importance of trade in tropical products to a large number of developing countries and agree that negotiations in this area should receive special and priority attention.

2. The negotiations should aim at the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products, including in their processed and semi-processed forms and should cover both tariff and non-tariff measures including internal taxes and tariff escalation.

3. The negotiations on tropical products should comply fully with the provisions of Part IV of the General Agreement and be completed at an early date and their results implemented immediately.