1. The Trade Negotiations Committee held its first meeting on 27 October 1986 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Enrique Iglesias.

Subjects discussed

- Appointment of the Chairman
- Organization of work
- Date of next meeting
- Other business

Appointmen of the Chairman

2. The Committee adopted the following decision regarding the appointment of Chairmen for the Trade Negotiations Committee, the Group of Negotiations on Goods and the Group of Negotiations on Services:

"In accordance with the Punta del Este Declaration, which launched the multilateral trade negotiations as a single political undertaking on the basis of three decisions, the first adopting as CONTRACTING PARTIES, Part One of the Declaration, relating to trade in goods; the second adopting Part Two on trade in services as representatives of governments meeting on the occasion of the Special Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at Punta del Este; thirdly as representatives of governments meeting on the occasion of the Special Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES at Punta del Este adopting the Declaration as a whole, the following organizational arrangements will apply:

i) Mr. Enrique Iglesias will chair the TNC, which is charged with the task of carrying out the MTNs, at Ministerial level. The TNC may also meet at the level of officials. Mr. Arthur Dunkel will chair the TNC on such occasions.

ii) The Group of Negotiations on Goods (GNG) will hold its first session immediately after the first meeting of the TNC. The Director-General of GATT, Mr. Arthur Dunkel, will chair the GNG.

iii) The Group of Negotiations on Services (GNS) will hold its first session immediately after the meeting of the GNG. Ambassador Felipe Jaramillo will chair the GNS."

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3. Under this item the following matters were considered:

- surveillance of standstill and rollback
- requests for observer status by international organizations

4. Surveillance of standstill and rollback. The Chairman made the following statement:

"It is agreed that this issue will be a priority item on the agenda of the TNC.

At the present time the consultations that have gone on have produced the following ideas:

i) the GNG is requested to designate the appropriate mechanism for the multilateral surveillance of the standstill and rollback commitments contained in the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round which provides for periodic reviews and evaluations as well as consideration of notifications addressed to the GATT secretariat by any participant;

ii) the mechanism should provide periodic reports to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These reports will be made available to the GNG and the TNC which shall review and evaluate the implementation of the standstill and rollback commitments."

5. The Chairman also indicated that further consultations would be conducted on this matter.

6. The Committee took note of the Chairman's statement.

7. Requests for observer status by international organizations. The Chairman stated that a number of international organizations had informally expressed their interest in following the negotiations in the capacity of observers. A formal request to this effect had been made by the World Intellectual Property Organization. He added that further consultations on this matter would appear to be necessary and therefore suggested that as far as the Trade Negotiations Committee was concerned the question be left open, on the understanding that a decision would be taken before the next meeting of the Committee in the light of consultations. He also suggested that it should be left to the Group of Negotiations on Goods, the Group of Negotiations on Services and the individual negotiating groups to consult and to decide on the organizations to which observer status in their meetings should be granted.

8. The Committee agreed with the Chairman's proposal.
Date of the Committee's next meeting

9. The Committee decided that the date of its next meeting would be determined in the light of consultations.

Other Business

10. Under other business the following matters were taken up:

- Communication from Bulgaria
- Uruguay Round documentation

11. Communication from Bulgaria. The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a communication from Bulgaria, dated 21 October 1986, which had been circulated as document M.TNC/W/3. This communication confirmed Bulgaria's interest in participating in the negotiations, but did not call for any action by the TNC at this stage.

12. Uruguay Round Documentation. A representative of the secretariat read the following statement:

"The question has been raised as to how the documents to be issued in the context of the Uruguay Round will be drawn up. In pursuance of the decisions taken at Punta del Este and on the basis of consultations that have since taken place it is proposed that documents on the meetings of the Trade Negotiations Committee, the Group of Negotiations on Goods and the Group of Negotiations on Services will be issued under the corresponding letterheads - that is MTN.TNC for the Trade Negotiations Committee, MTN.GNG(GATT) for the Group of Negotiations on Goods and MTN.GNS for the Group of Negotiations on Services.

All future documents issued in the Uruguay Round will therefore carry the letterhead "Multilateral Trade Negotiations: The Uruguay Round" plus the name of the appropriate Committee or negotiating group."